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BANK ROBBERY AT VANCOUVER

**TWO DARING ROBBERS
ESCAPE WITH \$1,000**

Ledger Keeper Knocked Unconscious for Refusing to Obey Bandits.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—The Royal Bank of Canada's branch at the corner of Main street and Seventeenth avenue, was literally "cleaned out" of all its cash by two robbers at 11 o'clock this morning and Ledger-keeper Harrison was knocked unconscious for resisting the hold-up.

The amount of loot secured by the robbers is unknown, because A. A. Stevens, manager of the branch, refuses to make a statement. It is, however, estimated that between \$1,000 and \$5,000 was taken.

Armed with revolvers and stepping lively as if they knew exactly what they came for and where to get it, two masked thugs pushed through the front door of the bank at 11 o'clock, and running to the counter, separating the public from the quarters of the bank staff, they jumped over it before the clerks were aware that anything out of the ordinary was happening.

Before the clerks could realize what had happened they had retreated before the revolvers of the robbers until they were separated from their own guns, which were lying on the desks in front of them for an emergency of just that kind. The two managers then ordered Manager A. A. Stevens, Teller Richmond and Ledger-keeper Harrison, the three men at the bank at the time, to go into the vault, which is situated only a few feet away from the spot where the two men jumped over the counter. Harrison, realizing that if he stepped into the vault and the robbers turned the lock, he would be a dead man, for there is not sufficient air space in the vault to sustain life for any length of time, refused to enter and started to grapple with one of the robbers. With a curse the man lifted his revolver and struck Harrison on the head and the bank with a groan to the floor. The other two bank men were pushed inside the vault and the burglars closed the door. The did not, however, lock it or turn the combination.

That left the robbers in complete possession of the bank and what transpired for the next few minutes is only a matter of surmise. It seems, however, that they lost no time in entering the teller's cage, and after they had left a lonely fifty-cent piece lying on the counter was all that was left to announce the fact that there had once been money there.

Instead of going out the way they entered the two men unlocked the back door and made their exit that way. So far as can be learned no one saw the men enter the bank or saw them leave, but the door at the back of the building is always kept locked, and when the clerks recovered from their shock it was found that the door was open and there were the foot prints of two men in the mud in the lane behind.

Later it was reported that the men had turned down the lane and made their way to Sixteenth avenue, down which street they had turned towards the east. A little boy stated to the detectives on the case that about 15 minutes after the bank is supposed to have been held up, he saw two men running down Sixteenth avenue.

As soon as the robbers had left the bank, the two men who had been shut in the vault, hurried out and gave the alarm. Harrison was still lying on the floor where the robbers had struck him, and he was soon taken to the hospital. The other two men, who were completely restored, are now suffering as much from shock as anything else, as when he recovered no marks except a slight lump on the head were found upon him.

The police were at once notified of the occurrence and sent a couple of men out, who took up the trail down Sixteenth avenue. So far no report has been received from these men.

Later Inspector of Detectives Jackson and Sergeant Dan McLeod were sent out and are now working on the case. The assistance of Chief of Police Jackson of South Vancouver has also been called in and he has his entire force of men scouring the outskirts of the city for the two men who held up the bank and of whom all three clerks were able to furnish excellent descriptions.

When first asked about the affair Supervisor Crosby, who was on the scene shortly after the robbery occurred, refused to give any statement, but later, after the arrival of the police officers, he stated that the sum secured by the robbers would be in the neighborhood of \$1,000. When surprised as to the smallness of the amount, for it was understood that almost every cent of cash in the bank was taken, Mr. Crosby announced that it was not the policy of the bank to carry large sums of money in their suburban branches, as it was found that it did not pay.

"What's the use," said he, "when fifteen minutes we can get all the money we want from downtown?" Just at that moment some of the downtown money did come in and the business of the bank was resumed with funds fresh from the vaults of the main office of the bank.

DOMINION GRANGE FOR RECIPROCITY

**MEETING PASSES
STRONG RESOLUTION**

Grain Growers' Needs Discussed at Annual Convention at Brandon.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—The Dominion Grange in session yesterday passed a strong resolution in favor of reciprocity with the United States. If the government will pay the wages of the farmers' hired men, the Dominion Grangers say, the country will blossom as the rose. The steel bounty equals the wage bill of the steel men. Why not apply the same rule to agriculture? was the position of the Grangers on the proposed restoration of the steel bounties. A resolution was passed opposing the good roads policy of the government.

Grain Growers in Session.
Brandon, Man., Jan. 26.—Representatives of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association and the United Farmers of Alberta presented greetings yesterday to the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association in annual convention.

D. W. McQuig, former president of the association and now chairman of the government elevator commission, delivered an address defending its work, pointing out that the initial difficulties were being overcome and the defects would soon disappear. After much agitation the directors of the Grain Growers have demanded government ownership of elevators. They got it. The system was all right, but it was next to impossible to get effective operators, and without them the elevators must close. He blamed the car shortage for much of the dissatisfaction and said that at competing points there was less friction.

A. G. Hawkes of Broadview, Sask., on behalf of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers, said that the Saskatchewan elevator system was different from that in Manitoba and if it proved less satisfactory they would copy Manitoba's, and suggested that vice versa, Manitoba should take good points from theirs. For years they had been agitating for terminal elevators and had secured Premier Borden's support. He hoped the convention would discuss sample markets and the subject could then be dealt with at the coming convention in Saskatchewan with a view to joint action, for the farmers of the west must be united and they must send a united delegation to Ottawa.

Speaking for the Alberta farmers, T. A. Cramer said that western freight rates were about to be thoroughly investigated by the railway commission. Western farmers to the number of 40,000 were represented on the three Grain Growers' organizations, and their executives should get together and prepare most thoroughly the evidence of excessive rates.

NE TEMERE DECREE MAY BE WITHDRAWN

Prominent Roman Catholics in Canada Have Appealed to the Pope.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—A Montreal Despatch to the Mail and Express says the near future will see the Ne Temere decree withdrawn so far as it applies to Canada. An appeal is being made direct to the Pope personally to have it withdrawn. There is good reason, the correspondent states, for believing that the Pope will withdraw the decree.

ALLEGED ROBBERY Writ of Habeas Corpus Issued for John McNamara is Dismissed.

New York, Jan. 26.—The writ of habeas corpus obtained in behalf of John McNamara, alias "Australian Mack," was dismissed by United States Judge Hough yesterday. McNamara is wanted in Canada on the charge of robbing the branch of the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., of \$275,000 in cash, negotiable notes and notes unsigned.

McNamara was arrested here early in January and turned over to the federal authorities. Then his attorney obtained the writ of habeas corpus now dismissed because Commissioner Shields refused to admit McNamara to bail.

When the matter came up yesterday on motion of the British consulate, it was adjourned until Monday, awaiting further depositions from the attorney-general of British Columbia, who is the applicant for extradition.

DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA.
Kamsack, Sask., Jan. 26.—A serious outbreak of diphtheria has occurred in the vicinity of Calder and McNutt, about thirty miles south of here. The mounted police from this department are already in the affected districts. Already several deaths are reported.



WEAKLINGS FLEE WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH

MISSION WORK IN WESTERN CANADA

**REPORTS READ AT
BAPTIST CONVENTION**

Addresses Delivered by Ministers from Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—Yesterday afternoon's session of the Baptist Union of Western Canada was occupied with hearing the report of the Scandinavian mission in the west delivered by the superintendent, Rev. J. P. Sundstrom, the report given by Rev. F. M. Marshall of the board of Saskatchewan convention and the report for the Manitoba board read by Rev. J. N. MacLean.

Rev. Mr. Marshall, who spoke first, remarked that the last board convention had been attended by delegates from thirty-eight churches, including German, Swedish and Lutheran congregations. An appropriation of \$12,000 for last year had been exceeded by a few hundred dollars in expenditure for mission work, while next year would see a still further increase of expenditure in that direction, as nearly three-fourths of the churches are still home mission churches, and the crop failures of last year will retard their becoming self-supporting.

There were in the field last year in Saskatchewan, fifteen ordained ministers, three un-ordained missionaries and ten college students and services were held at sixty-eight different points. The Sunday school enrollment of that province numbers 1,400 besides those in twelve union schools.

The town of Wild Rose, Sask., represents the greatest number of Baptists in the province. The Saskatchewan board undertakes to contribute to the funds of the union for 1912 the sum of \$7,000, being divided as follows: For home missions \$4,500, for foreign missions \$1,500 and for educational purposes \$1,000.

Rev. Mr. MacLean's report for the Manitoba board stated that much fruitful work had been done among foreign immigrants especially the Hungarians, of whom there are now large numbers ready to organize into churches. Work among the Galleians did not seem to be productive of as good results, but he considered this still a duty incumbent on the church. Only \$1,500 had been spent last year on Galleian missionary work. Mission work among the Indians had involved an outlay of only \$1,700. The small churches throughout Manitoba had given largely for such work. The speaker concluded by stating that he considered the time had come when the

FINAL RESULTS OF GERMAN ELECTIONS

**NATIONAL LIBERALS
WILL CONTROL REICHSTAG**

Working Majority of the Conservative Centres Has Been Wiped Out.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—The political complexion of the new Reichstag as determined by the final result of the new 33 ballots taken yesterday is shown by the general party groupings as follows: the subordinate or allied factions being included for convenience with the parties with which they generally vote:

Socialists, 110; Progressive non-Socialist groups, 55, including 46 National Liberals, 42 Radicals and 7 Progressive peasants and others; Clericals, with Polish, Alsatian and Hanoverian Particularists, 122; Conservative allied parties, 70; Independents, 1.

The results completely overthrow the working majority of the Conservative Centrists, or "Blue-Black-Block," in the last Reichstag, which is now able to muster only 191, counting every possible vote, and places the control in the hands of the National Liberals.

Who will be able to form a majority by throwing their strength with either the Right or Left.

This makes the National Liberal leader, Ernst Bassermann, a commanding figure in the next Reichstag. He will be able to swing certain avowed National Liberals, who under proper inducements would probably be prepared to co-operate with the government on most questions. The hostility of other progressive groups to the so-called reactionary "Block" apparently is too great for any working understanding except on questions of national defence and the increase of the army and navy.

One of the most striking features of the elections is the fact that the Clericals, for the first time since 1881, are no longer the strongest party and no longer hold the casting vote among the parties.

The honors of the closing Reichstag contests fairly belong to the Leftists, who won 21 of the 29 districts in which they contested.

In Marienburg, Herr von Oldenburg, Conservative, was defeated. He is the man who about a year ago said: "The Emperor must have power at any time to say to a Lieutenant, 'Take ten men and dissolve the Reichstag.'" The bitterness engendered by this expression, it is said, brought about his defeat.

WOMEN STAKE GOLD CLAIMS IN MANITOBA

Miners From All Parts Flock to Scene of Discovery Near Minitonas.

Minitonas, Man., Jan. 26.—The gold rush here reminds one of accounts of the early Klondike stampede, or the history of gold in Australia. The Minitonas hotel is turning away a hundred people daily and private houses are being used as hotels. Miners are here from all parts of the country.

One Winnipeg party sank ten feet with a boring machine in the river bed and found innumerable particles of fine gold and pieces of coarse gold in the sand one mile south of town. Coarse gold was brought into town taken from the box on Favell creek.

Women in overalls join in staking claims, and three hundred and forty were staked in twenty-four hours. Every foot of ground has been staked within a radius of three miles from the town south of the claim where the gold was found.

Jumping of claims is frequent. Prospectors are very angry at the action of the recorder in refusing to accept or issue a grant for claims until a \$800 bond is furnished by the locators. The recorder claims this is necessary. Prominent railway men here have wired the Minister of the Interior inquiring if this is necessary. There is three feet of snow on the ground, which adds to the difficulty of search.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE OPENED

**SPEECH FROM THRONE
OUTLINES LEGISLATION**

Redistribution Will Be Considered at Present Session—Other Measures.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 26.—The fourth session of the fourth legislature of Saskatchewan was opened last evening with all due formality in the legislative chamber by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Brown. Although not yet fully completed, the chamber presented an imposing appearance with the large number of uniformed mounted police and local military bodies, ladies filling not only the galleries, but the floor of the House. Beyond reading the speech from the throne no formal business was transacted. The actual work of the session will not commence until Monday next.

In the course of the day's brief proceedings Acting-Premier Calder referred to the absence of Premier Scott, who, owing to ill-health, had been obliged to go south; but who it was hoped would be back to take part in the work of the house before the session terminated. The leader of the Opposition likewise referred in feeling terms to Mr. Scott's absence and expressed the hope that he would return restored to all his old-time vigor. The speech from the throne proved lengthy.

After referring to the coronation and census returns, which had put Saskatchewan in fourth, if not in third place, among the provinces and the large crop harvested, reference was made to the application to the federal government for a transfer of the natural resources of the province, regarding which a conference has been requested of Premier Borden.

Measures are promised to relieve the scarcity of farm laborers and farm servants, to improve the status of the horse-raising industry and to make better provision for the protection of farmers from the ravages of hailstorms. Further branch line railway legislation will also be submitted.

Other bills promised deal with the greater regulation of insurance companies, to empower rural municipalities to purchase and distribute seed grain, for the control of motor vehicles, redistribution, electoral representation and amend the electoral laws. Reference is made to the successful operation of the Saskatchewan co-operative elevator company, authorized last session.

Possibly the most important feature of the speech is the announcement of a plan whereby the government, in conjunction with the three great companies, propose to deliver water from the south branch of the Saskatchewan for the benefit of those communities where water in sufficient quantity or suitable quality is not readily obtained. Details of the plans are not set forth, but arrangements have practically been made.

NOISY SUFFRAGETTES EXPULSED FROM HALL

Home Secretary Interrupted for Twenty Minutes at London Meeting.

London, Jan. 26.—Addressing an enthusiastic meeting at the Queens Hall last night, Rosalind McKenna, the home secretary, said that early in the coming session of parliament, he would introduce a measure for the disestablishment of Wales. All the resources of the government, he said, would be used to carry the measure into the law.

The home secretary was interrupted for fully twenty minutes by suffragettes, many of whom were expelled from the hall by the stewards and scenes of extreme violence.

ST. BONIFACE CIVIC Muddle.

Winnipeg, Jan. 26.—Another stage was reached in the St. Boniface civic muddle yesterday when an application was made to Judge Metcalf for an order setting aside an order of Judge Macdonald restraining the city clerk from destroying ballots of the recent municipal election. Judge Metcalf refused to hear the motion on the ground of his being a ratepayer of St. Boniface and too well acquainted with conditions to give an impartial judgment. The motion will be made before another judge.

SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Hudson Bay Junction, Sask., Jan. 26.—At 4 o'clock this morning a homesteader named Blanchett, from Quebec, shot himself behind the ear with a heavy shotgun. The act was committed while his brother was in the town for medical aid, the dead man, according to the brother's story, having developed signs of homicidal insanity. When Constable Hillard and Druggist loan arrived on the scene the body was still warm. An inquest will be held.

DENIED USE OF ULSTER HALL

**LIBERALS MUST SELECT
NEW MEETING PLACE**

Winston Churchill Decides to Yield to Wishes of Ulster Unionists.

Belfast, Jan. 26.—The city corporation to-day refused the request of the Liberals to use Ulster hall on the morning of February 8, the day of the Home Rule demonstration at which Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, and John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalists, are to speak.

The corporation also forestalled any further possible manoeuvres by passing a resolution not to let Ulster hall for any further meetings of any kind in February.

Letter From Winston.

London, Jan. 26.—Winston Churchill's action in giving up his intention to speak in Ulster hall, Belfast, on February 8, is commented favorably on in to-day's newspapers. Only the bitterest opponents of the first lord of the admiralty chide him with retreating from a position which he should never have taken up.

The Home Rule meeting in Belfast will now probably be held in St. Mary's hall, which is in the Nationalist quarters.

Dispatches from Ireland to-day express the fear that it will be difficult to prevent trouble in Belfast on the day of the meeting. The Unionists say they will be unable to control. Some of the Irish Unionist papers now advise Winston Churchill to cancel his visit entirely.

Mr. Churchill in a letter to Lord Londonderry, one of the Unionist leaders who ask the Irish Liberal Association to assert the right of free speech in a public meeting. But as the main objections appear to be directed against the holding of the meeting in Ulster hall, I shall ask the Irish Liberal Association to accede to their wish.

There will then be no necessity for your friends to endure the hardships of a vigil or sustain the anxieties of a siege. Neither will it be necessary for you to break the law in attempting to deprive us forcibly of the use of property to which we are lawfully entitled.

"It is not a point of any importance to me where I speak in Belfast. On the contrary, I desire to choose whatever hall or place is least likely to cause ill-feeling in the Orange party." The letter concludes: "It has, however, become of importance to public liberties that a meeting should take place at Belfast on February 8, and I intend to hold it there in the lawful exercise of the elementary right of citizenship."

The Ulster Unionists appeared ready to take any risk to prevent Mr. Churchill from speaking in the hall where his father, Lord Randolph Churchill, delivered his famous dictum: "Ulster will fight, and Ulster will be right."

In a long article in Reynolds' Weekly newspaper dealing with the situation, John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, reminds the British public that the threats do not emanate from the general body of Protestants in Ireland, but from a small minority of Orangemen, who are opposed to every great reform for the benefit of Ireland.

THIRTY PERSONS KILLED.

Earthquake Destroys Five Villages.—Warships Carry Tents and Provisions for Homeless.

London, Jan. 26.—An earthquake in the Ionian island of Zante, destroyed 5 villages and damaged property in the capital to the value of \$600,000, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily Mail. The death toll is thirty and the government has sent warships to the island with provisions and tents.

Athens, Greece, Jan. 26.—The earthquake which occurred yesterday in the Ionian islands was more disastrous than at first reported. Cephalonia and several villages were destroyed and eight persons were killed. A number of shocks have been felt to-day.

FINANCES OF QUEBEC.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the House Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, provincial treasurer, delivered his annual budget speech, which proved an interesting review of the financial state of the province for the past year, with encouraging estimates for the coming 12 months. The ordinary receipts amounted to \$7,032,744 and the ordinary expenditures to \$5,125,834, making a surplus of \$905,910, but as there had been additional extraordinary expenditure of \$298,065, an actual surplus was announced of \$607,845. The speech emphasized the increasing prosperity of Quebec, enabling provisions to be made for increased amounts for education, for construction of bridges, for the abolition of toll gates and large loans for improvements of roads which are to be built with the co-operation of the municipalities of the province.

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ALBERTA FARMERS

Special Course in Agriculture By Officials of Provincial Government.

Calgary, Jan. 26.—To the end that the Alberta farmer may make two blades of wheat grow where but one has grown before, the provincial department of agriculture is conducting a short course in agriculture at Gleichen. The course opened Monday and will continue until tomorrow. The attendance is very large, practically all farmers in the Gleichen district being present. Similar meetings with excellent results were held at the C. P. R. experimental farm, Strathmore last year. The faculty in charge of the course comprises C. E. Lewis, superintendent of agricultural staff, Superintendent McKenna, in charge of the department of weeds, A. W. Foley, poultry expert; Geo. Scott, dairy superintendent; Bruce Wright, the well known scientific farmer who specialized in live-stock; W. Fairfield, the provincial alfalfa expert; Professor Carlyle, United States experimental farm at Moscow, Idaho, and of the agricultural college faculty located at that place and Misses M. Adams and Perkins, whose specialty is domestic science. Courses of instruction are being given in live-stock, dairying, poultry raising and growing, judging and grading of grains, while the wives of the farmers are instructed in advanced domestic science. Special lectures on stock breeding and judging and the propagation of grains especially adapted to the Alberta climate are given daily. A special feature of the course of domestic science under Miss MacAdams and Miss Perkins. A large number of women are in attendance daily and receive instructions in the preparation and cooking of soups, meats, tough and tender cuts, vegetables, desserts, bread, pastry and the general cooking of the average household. While their husbands are listening to a practical talk on grain growing or the production of beef in some other room of the travelling college, these women are learning to provide better fare for the farm table.

PILOT DROPS DEAD.

Hamburg-American Liner Collides With U. S. Cruiser at Honolulu.

Honolulu, Jan. 26.—The Hamburg-American liner *Albatross* and the United States armed cruiser *Colorado* were in collision here. The collision was due to the fact that Pilot Milton P. Sanders, who was in charge of the *Colorado*, had dropped dead on the liner's bridge. The *Colorado* steamed a gun near the cabin occupied by Capt. William A. Gill. The gun turret was wrenched and the resetting of the gun probably will be necessary.

New York, Jan. 26.—The following telegram from Honolulu concerning the collision between the liner *Albatross* and the United States armed cruiser *Colorado* was received at the Hamburg-American line office: "Cruiser *Colorado*, lying opposite pier, touched slightly by *Albatross* when docking. No damage done. Pilot expired on board. Captain Dempsey, concluded docking safely alone."

WALSH DIED A POOR MAN.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Instead of being an estate of \$50,000, as indicated by his will, John R. Walsh died a poor man. After all claims are paid there will be little left. These estimates were made yesterday by Marquis Eaton. Walsh, whose fortune was said to have amounted to \$15,000,000 when he was at the height of his career, left five children.

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BRIDGES WILL COST

OVER MILLION

C. N. R. Will Build Ten Over Thompson and Fraser Rivers.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—On a mission to confer with the officials of the C. N. R. railway company, relative to the construction of ten new steel bridges in British Columbia, Mr. J. J. McNamara, who has been in charge of the construction of the Fraser River bridge, arrived in Vancouver. Mr. Harrington, called upon City Engineer Fellows at the city hall. While he would not say what his mission at the city hall was, it is understood that he took up the matter of the creation of the proposed Harris-Georgia street bridge with Mr. Fellows. Waddell and Harrington have had charge of three large bridges in Vancouver, the Granville street bridge, one across False Creek at Main street and the Cambie street bridge. The ten steel bridges to be built for the C. N. R. railway will represent an expenditure of \$1,200,000. Mr. Harrington stated one will span the Fraser at Coquitlam, with another at Lytton. There will be seven across the main Thompson between its junction with the Fraser and Kamloops. The tenth bridge is to be built across the North Thompson near its confluence with the main Thompson just north of Kamloops. This bridge will be of the vertical lift style and is expected to be the first bridge of that type in operation in Western Canada.

SENSATION AT CAMORRISTS' TRIAL

Judge Alleged to Have Declared Charges Made By Informer Were Untrue.

Viterbo, Italy, Jan. 26.—There was a surprising development yesterday during the trial of the thirty odd Camorristi for the murder of Genaro Cuccolo and his wife.

Signor Spirito, a member of the chamber of deputies and a prominent Neapolitan lawyer, was called as a witness for the defence. He startled the court at the very outset by declaring that Judge Duchesi Palli, the magistrate who conducted the preliminary investigation of the murders, before the indictments were brought in, had become conscience-stricken and had weepingly confessed to him (Spirito) his belief that the charges made by Abbateaglio, the informer, on which the Camorristi are being tried for the murders, were false and that they had been made at the instigation of the Carabinieri who induced Abbateaglio to make his confession. Judge Palli said in his confession to Spirito that the accused men were undoubtedly members of the Camorra, but they had not murdered the Cuccolos. The lawyers for the defence immediately demanded that Judge Palli be subpoenaed and placed on the stand. The judge took the matter under consideration.

BODY IDENTIFIED.

Nanaimo, Jan. 26.—The body found washed ashore on an island in the Nanaimo River Tuesday by Andrew McKinnell, a rancher of Cedar District, was recovered on Wednesday by the Provincial police and has been identified as that of Caleb Evans a former resident of South Wellington who has been missing since October 15th, last.

Some months ago it was reported that Caleb Evans had been missing for several days and that his brother held grave fears for his safety. It has since been learned that on that occasion Evans had left South Wellington for parts unknown without informing anyone as to his intentions, returning several weeks later. His actions gave the impression of his being of unsound mind and it is now thought he deliberately jumped into the river while temporarily insane.

The remains were identified by a brother of the deceased by means of the clothing and shoes as those of Caleb Evans. The deceased was a native of Aberdare, South Wales, aged 34 years and for the seven months prior to his death he had worked as a miner in the South Wellington mine.

The grain tillage of Canada this year amounts to 12,000,000 acres.

J. B. McNAMARA MADE INDISCREET REMARKS

Salt Lake Tailor Repeats Conversation Regarding Dynamiting.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—Through remarks carelessly made by J. B. McNamara while he was having a suit of clothes fitted by T. C. E. Horn, a tailor in Salt Lake City, in 1909, the federal grand jury obtained evidence which it is said brought about important disclosures concerning the identity of men who helped to blow up places in the west.

Horn is said to have heard from McNamara not only about the plans to blow up a hotel in Salt Lake City in December of that year, but also about the details as to how it was to be done and who was to do it.

About this time, according to Orrie McManigal, J. J. McNamara was directing the dynamiting operations from Indianapolis and the movement was being extended to the Pacific coast with a view of making Salt Lake City a "base of supplies."

According to the information said to have been given to the grand jury James B. McNamara was not there looking for helpers who were familiar with explosives. Assurances were said to have been given by him that the system of blowing up places by bombs carried about in suit cases had been tried out in the east several years and no one had been captured.

The result of McNamara's mission in Salt Lake City was the chief point upon which the grand jury sought information from Horn.

Frank Schilling, a St. Louis hotel clerk, was called before the jury yesterday to testify about a meeting of McNamara at St. Louis in 1910 when a conference of American Federation of Labor officials was held.

Chief A. T. Tietmoe, an official of the California building trades council, now under indictment, and J. J. McNamara, were then in St. Louis. At this time, according to McNamara, he learned of labor conditions on the Pacific coast and felt something must be done out there.

Subsequently McNamara was sent to California and his visit was to make plans to blow up the Llewellyn Iron Works.

Louis Weiss, a saloonkeeper of Chicago, also testified. He accompanied McNamara to St. Louis and saw him on his journey to Wisconsin after the Los Angeles Times disaster. On this trip detectives who had been following McNamara for weeks learned that J. B. McNamara was the "Bryce" wanted on the Pacific coast.

RECALL OF OFFICIALS.

Plan Has Been Adopted By the United Mine Workers.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 26.—Recall of officials of the United Mine Workers of America is provided in a constitutional amendment adopted by the miners' convention. Ten per cent of membership may initiate a recall, and on petition of thirty per cent an election shall be held. Attempts by some of the leaders, especially among Socialists, to reduce the percentage followed. They declared the recall movement as stipulated was too cumbersome ever to be effective. President John P. White urged caution in introducing the reform and supported the plan as adopted. It is declared in favor of the recall of judges, and said if it had been available years ago would have won the courts as they have.

By an amendment to the constitution the miners' convention will be held every two years instead of annually hereafter.

ENGINEERS DEMAND INCREASED WAGES

Eastern Railways Appoint Committee to Confer With Brotherhood.

New York, Jan. 26.—Locomotive engineers on all railroads in the eastern territory have made demands for a general increase in wages, ranging from 15 to 25 per cent.

The demands involve all roads east of Chicago and north of the line of the Norfolk and Western railway and of the Ohio river. The object is to standardize the wage scale as was done by the trainmen and conductors in 1910.

General managers have been asked to appoint a committee to negotiate with a committee of the Brotherhood. Railroad men believe the time is inopportune and are inclined to think the roads will not grant the demands.

TEACHER SHOT.

Tragedy Result of Action for Slander—Murderer Surrenders.

Salem, Va., Jan. 26.—Attempts to oust a country teacher from her school near here led to the killing of Miss Eva Chambers, the teacher, by Joshua Raines, husband of a woman prominent in the ouster attempt. Raines surrendered.

Some time ago Mrs. Raines tried to have the teacher relieved, and it is charged circulated reports reflecting upon her character. Miss Chambers brought suit for slander. Raines called upon the teacher at her school and tried to get her consent to dismiss the case. When she refused, he shot her.

Raines also shot Charles Day because of enmity growing out of the teacher affair. Day is not dangerously wounded.

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Story Told at Meeting of the Grain Growers' Association.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 25.—Before the grain growers association to-day, D. W. McQuig discussed terminal elevators and car shortage. The convention will pass a resolution for the operation of all government owned elevators by an independent concern.

"The car shortage," Mr. McQuig said, "is hurting Manitoba." "At Homewood, eight miles east of Carman, we have our elevators practically full of grain. Hundreds of names are on the carload book now. At Carman, a competing point through which the C. P. R. and the C. N. R. run, the farmers have no difficulty in getting cars. The same is true at other competing points in the province.

"There was one man at Carman, who is considered by a railway company to be the smartest farm man. He had grain to ship and bills to pay, and he could do neither, so he bethought himself of a bright scheme. He went up to Carman taking with him two bags of wheat and to the C. N. R. operator he said: 'I want to ship a car of grain, can I get one?'

The operator said he could and soon a car was located for him on the Carman siding. Well this farmer swept the car and put in his two bags of wheat. Then he went to the operator and said: 'I have some more wheat of wheat but I have some more wheat in the elevator at Homewood. I want you to ship that car down there and let me finish loading.' The operator thought it could be done. He called the car to Fort William and granted a stop over privilege at Homewood to which point the car was sent. At Homewood there were some forty or fifty cars wanted and when this car appeared on the siding the first farmer on the car went to the Homewood operator and claimed it was his car. The operator was about to let him have it when the man who had sent the wheat there appeared and demanded it. He was told he could not have it; he produced his shipping bill and showed his stop-over privilege. There was considerable trouble over the car but after a great deal of argument into which the C. N. R. officials were introduced the farmer got his car. The traffic manager said 'our operator got caught and the man's wheat must go in that car. We don't mean to be caught that way again.'

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TIME YESTERDAYENACTING BILL GOES
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Attorney-General to Remedy
Doings of Commissioners
He Does Not Agree With.

Legislative Press Gallery.

January 25.

Another case arose to-day in which the Attorney-General did not agree with the commissioners for the revision of the statutes, and announced his intention of introducing legislation to restore to one act a section which they had struck out.

In committee on the validating bill, Mr. Bowser said that the commissioners had struck out section 22 of the Inheritance Act, which deals with a widow's dower and a husband's tenancy by courtesy in cases of intestacy. The section reads: "Nothing in this act contained shall be held to impair or affect the right of a widow of an intestate to her dower out of her deceased husband's lands, nor the right of a husband to his courtesy out of his deceased wife's lands." He explained that the commissioners had done this under the misapprehension that the dower bill of last session had passed, and he intended to restore section 22 to the act so as to preserve the wife's right to dower and the husband's right to tenancy by courtesy. Section 5 would be amended by adding a provision that in the case of an intestate estate the widow or husband should be entitled to one-half of any real estate absolutely if no descendants were left, and to one-third for life if descendants were surviving.

This brought up the question of the bill to amend the Dower Act, which was introduced by the Attorney-General at the close of last session, but which there was no time to pass, although the House adopted the principle of it by carrying it on second reading, after a lively debate. This proposed to greatly improve the position of a wife in respect of her dower, removing many restrictions and substituting the following for the still existing section 8, which bars dower by a declaration in the husband's will: "By his will, a testator shall have no power to deprive his widow of dower, but a widow may by deed or instrument in writing elect to take any devise or bequest made to her for her benefit by her husband in his will, in lieu of all claims to dower."

H. C. Brewster suggested that the Attorney-General re-introduce his bill, seeing that its principle had received the endorsement of the House last session, but that it had been introduced at so late a period that there was no possibility of its passing.

Mr. Bowser thought that in view of the great difference of opinion manifested in the debate last year he would hardly be justified in again introducing the bill. This legislation would make so drastic a change in the law that it would not be proper for him to attempt to force it through the House against the opinion of so many members. He trusted that time would bring about a change in opinion which would lead to a better law being enacted.

Mr. Brewster heartily re-echoed the hope that a better law would be enacted, but thought the Attorney-General was hardly fair to himself in not re-introducing the bill. There might be opinions adverse to the bill, but the opinion of the Attorney-General was just as good as these. It was certainly to be hoped that he would again bring in the bill and press it to passage.

Parker Willis, a second time of the House, in a second vote given on it, and the House appeared on record as in favor of the bill, no one having asked to be placed on record as opposed to it.

The Attorney-General suggested that there must have been a viva voce vote taken, but that there had been no demand for the recording of the names. He stated that he would take into consideration the views expressed by the leader of the opposition as to re-introduction.

Mr. Brewster and Mr. Williams, however, were of opinion that a vote had been taken and that the second reading was carried by about two. The matter dropped there. A reference to the newspapers of March 1 last shows that there was a vote taken on the second reading, although it appears to have slipped out in preparing the votes and proceedings long and busy day. The fact that a division was taken, resulting in the passage of the motion for second reading by 18 to 15, is recorded in both papers, and in the Times the division list is given as follows: For—McBride, Bowser, Taylor, Masgowan, Mackay, Manson (Dewdney), Williams, Hawthornthwaite, Brewster, Manson (Skene), Miller.

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The bill was proceeded with in committee, the only change made being the addition of a new section, 159 of the Lands Act, to take the place of the one the commissioners so numbered, and reading: "No transfer of any surveyed or unsurveyed land pre-empted, or in respect whereof an application to purchase or lease the same is applied for under this act, shall be valid until after a crown grant or lease of the same, as the case may be, shall have been granted."

All the old acts of the legislature are formally repealed, being replaced by the new revision, and the necessary provisos are made that this repeal does not affect any things done or pending under the old statutes nor any marriage or marriage certificate.

Mr. Brewster inquired what stand the province took on the question of marriage laws. The attorney-general replied that this was a large question. According to press reports there was to be a submission to the Supreme Court of Canada of the issue, but this province was not interested in it.

Mr. Brewster: "Does the province exercise authority as to marriage as a right or under a Dominion statute?" Mr. Bowser: "We always have exercised it. It is the general opinion among members of provincial legislatures that the provinces have the sole right to legislate as to marriage. We have our own Marriage Act, but apparently in other parts of Canada there is a doubt in the minds of some regarding it and that is what the courts are to be asked to decide."

The bill was reported and now stands for its final stages, upon which it will be given the royal assent and the Revised Statutes of B. C., 1911, will be the law of the land.

Before the House adjourned—the government not being ready at this moment to go on with anything else—several bills were introduced.

Ernest Miller (Grand Forks) introduced two bills for the relief of the municipal corporation of Fernie, being validations of certain by-laws. For H. B. Thomson, Mr. Mackay introduced the bill promoted by the Victoria Harbor Railway Company, in which it seeks an extension of time for the commencement of its project. This would give it until May 15, 1912, to bona fide commence and continuously and effectually proceed with the construction of its railway, and until May 15, 1914, to "procure the bona fide payment up in cash of not less than 15 per cent of the authorized share capital of the company, and to expend such 15 per cent in, upon and towards the construction of its railway."

William Manson (Skene) introduced a bill to confirm and validate a by-law of the city of Prince Rupert to provide for the construction of a hydro-electric system to supply the city with water, electric light and power, to cost \$500,000.

H. H. Watson (Vancouver) introduced a bill to incorporate Ryerson College, an educational institution to be under the authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and which is being called after the famous Ontario educationist, the late Dr. Egerton Ryerson. The college will be empowered to grant degrees in divinity.

Mr. Brewster has secured answers to the following questions: "1. Has the Canadian Northern Company deposited with the minister maps, plans and profiles of their line of railway, as provided by sections 90, 91 and 92 of the Railway Act? If so, has the minister approved of the location map (as per section 90) and sanctioned the plans, profiles and book of reference, as per section 92?"

"2. What is the maximum gradient and the maximum and minimum curvature, as shown on the plans and profiles sanctioned by the minister?"

Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of railways, replied in the affirmative to both branches of the first question. To the second he gave the maximum grade as 0.4 per cent on the mainland and 1.50 per cent on the island. The maximum curvature shown is 10 degrees and the minimum 0.30 degrees.

TRAINMEN BLAMED.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Negligence on the part of three trainmen contributed to the Illinois Central wreck at Kimmunity, Ill., Sunday night, in which 17 men were killed.

The former president of that line, and three other railroad officials were killed. It was held by an investigating committee here. The trainmen are Engineer R. J. Stuart, who was in the engine, No. 2, which crashed into train No. 25; John H. Bralnard, conductor of train No. 25; Harry J. Boeckler, a flagman on train No. 25.

"Just what steps will be taken in the future to prevent such accidents," determined," said W. L. Park, vice-president of the Illinois Central and a member of the investigating committee. "The board of inquiry finds that the conductor and the flagman of train No. 25, knowing that train No. 3 was following closely, were negligent in not using the means they had in protecting their train. The board also finds that the engineer of train No. 3 was negligent in not discovering earlier his proximity to train No. 25."

YELLOW FEVER AT ECUADOR.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The death by yellow fever yesterday at Guayaquil, Ecuador, of Commander Levi C. Bertoletti, in command of the American gunboat Yorktown, guarding American interests there, will result in the American government insisting upon the sanitation of that port.

Should Ecuador temper to it is said that the United States may issue quarantine against Guayaquil in the interests of the Panama canal. An enlisted American soldier has also died and three other enlisted men are seriously ill.

Upon receipt of the news of the death of Commander Bertoletti, the navy department was notified that peace had been suddenly restored to Ecuador to permit the withdrawal of the Yorktown. Orders were at once issued for the gunboat to proceed north.

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Duke of Connaught went to the American capital in his visit to the national capital yesterday.

Arriving late in the afternoon, he was whisked to the British embassy first, spent forty minutes at a dinner at the embassy, which he left shortly before midnight to visit the National Press club.

At the Press club the Duke made the first and only public speech of his visit to the United States. On being introduced to the newspapermen he said: "I assure you it is a pleasure to meet you gentlemen, who have positions of such honor in this country. I hope you will always use them for the good of the world. I hope also that England and the United States will always be the best of friends for the good of the world."

The visitor, who was accompanied by Ambassador Bryce, had been assured that his visit to the Press club would be informal. He was received with an uproarious welcome, and seeing some members smoking, turned to the nearest and said: "I'm glad to see that this really is informal," he said. "May I ask for a cigarette?"

He chatted with the members for some time, and then signed his name in the guest book. He did not use his title, but jotted down "Arthur, Governor-General of Canada."

TWO GIRLS REWARDED.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 25.—One hundred dollars each was the reward sent yesterday to Allen Martin, 7 years old, and her sister, Alma, 11, who prevented a Southern Pacific passenger train from being wrecked by a broken rail near Alta, January 12. The reward was sent by E. E. Calvin, vice-president of the line in California, and it was accompanied by a letter of appreciation. Little Allen, daughter of the foreman of the section, saw the rail broken in three places. She knew that the passenger train was soon due and she telephoned the agent at Lowell. He told her that the train had gone, and she started down the track to signal it. On the way she met her sister and they stopped the train.

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London Police Are on Trail of American Woman and Male Accomplice.

London, Jan. 26.—Scotland Yard officials believe they are on the trail of an American woman and a male accomplice who are accused of the theft of jewels valued at \$100,000 from Noury, of Paris, some of the jewellery having been found in London pawnshops. The names of the suspects are not given.

Last June an American woman who was playing at the Ritz hotel in Paris went to Noury's and bought some small articles for which she paid. Three months later Noury got a letter from the American woman, from Hampstead, a London suburb, asking him to send some sleeve links there. Noury did so and the articles were paid for on delivery. Later on the woman wrote from Baywater, asking the Parisian jeweller to send jewels valued at \$1,000 and enclosing a bill of exchange payable in March. Five pearl necklaces were sent, and last week the Paris merchant shipped on approval diamonds, pearl necklaces and earrings to the same woman with a Mayfair address. The woman and gems disappeared.

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CHURCH AND STATE.

There is no doubt that the dispatch sent out from Montreal last night announcing that the Ne Temere Decree will be withdrawn from effect in Canada is an inspired dispatch. It can have but one object, and that object to pave the way for the acceptance by the people of Canada, of Mr. Borden's intention not to press an appeal to the Supreme Court and Privy Council for a decision upon the powers of the parliament of Canada to make laws that will be supreme as affecting the marriage relation. It is stated that "an appeal is being made direct to the Pope, and it is known to have the endorsement of the Roman Catholic church in Canada."

By whom is this appeal "being made direct to the Pope," and what right has any person in Canada to make such an appeal? Or what right have the liberty-loving people of Canada to submit to the settlement of a question of the authority of its parliament by an appeal to a foreign ecclesiastical rather than by an appeal to the highest court of the realm? How can the Hon. Justice Gauthier settle a question as to the validity of a marriage in Canada by withdrawing a decree which declares that such and such marriages are not valid? What have we come to in this Dominion when it is proposed simply to sit down under a disputatious challenge of the authority of our civil courts and be satisfied when the head of an ecclesiastical organization proposes to absolve us from responsibility by recalling an offensive decree?

The question at issue in Canada is whether certain obligations taken under the sanction of the civil courts and constituting a legal marriage shall be accepted as constituting a legal marriage. It is not a question which can be settled by the withdrawal of a decree which declares such marriages illegal. If the decree should be withdrawn the question will stand just where it did when the authority of parliament was called in question.

If Mr. Borden is the man who has made the "appeal" direct to the Pope, the people of this Dominion will want to know it. If he is but a consenting party to an attempt to settle a question of the authority of the church over that of the state by an evasion of the country will still want to know it. There is, by reason of this announcement, the most emphatic and imminent reason why the appeal to the Privy Council should be pressed to a finality. We may go further and state that there is the most unqualified necessity that the Marriage Bill introduced by Mr. Lancaster should be passed without further discussion or delay. Canada has never had a more disqualifying premier than Mr. Borden, and it now looks as though he is to become the most dangerous man that ever undertook the responsibilities of a prime minister.

LABOR CONVENTION.

Those who have followed in the Times the summary report of the proceedings of the British Columbia Federation of Labor which is concluding its annual session in this city will agree that the convention has been one of the most important in the history of organized labor in the province. The wide range of economic conditions affecting the rights and welfare of the wage earners which were made the subject matter of resolutions was an undoubted tribute to the close application given by the delegates to the problems of labor. More than eighty resolutions were debated, and with but slight modifications, most of them were adopted by the convention. This is a large bill of fare for discussion at a single gathering, but it must be remembered that many of the resolutions were of an academic character and calculated more to affirm principles than with a view to their immediate adoption. In this respect the educational value of the resolutions will be of great importance.

With most of the resolutions we are in accord, as we have always maintained that it is to the moderate but firm assertion of their rights that the laboring classes must look for such remedial legislation as they desire. The more emphatically and insistently they act in the presentation of their claims for advanced legislative action,

the more likely they are to secure results. Especially is this true if they back up their resolutions with consistency and solidarity when political parties are appealing for their suffrages.

It is not the province of a newspaper, other than a Labor organ, to remark upon the vast extent of economic territory traversed in the resolutions. But we may be pardoned if we respectfully suggest that this may become a source of weakness instead of strength to the Labor movement. The struggle of the wage earners against unfavorable and "unrighteous" conditions is a struggle against fearful odds, and we think it is the judgment of veterans in the leadership of such struggles that more is accomplished by the concentration of effort upon the most necessary reforms rather than by the dissipation of energies in covering too much ground.

One of the natural leaders in British trades unionism is Thomas Burt, M.P., who has grown old in the service of that cause. Once a working miner, he has risen by sheer force of ability and industry to an enviable position in public life. He was under-secretary of the board of trade under the last Gladstone government. One of the veterans of the House of Commons, he commands the respect of men of all parties.

Mr. Burt has learned the wisdom of concentrating effort upon one big undertaking at a time instead of wasting energy upon several big things at once. He criticizes the Miners' Federation for being in too much of a hurry. "New, large and most complex questions," he writes, "have been started before old questions have been settled, and the new questions have pushed into the background the older grievances." He mentions two of these instances. The question of the raising of the standard minimum wage for hewers was quickly followed by the claim for payment of the average wage to men working in abnormal places, and, before either of these questions was settled, the question of the enforcement of a minimum wage for all grades of underground labor was started. "Nobody will deny," says Mr. Burt, "that these are, all of them, large and important demands, any one of which by itself would be enough to test the resources of a powerful society like the Miners' Federation. Our old copy books used to tell us that zeal in a good cause was commendable. No doubt. But discrimination is also needed, and no amount of zeal or enthusiasm can be wisely substituted for common-sense and forethought."

We think that if these sage counsels are valuable in the United Kingdom they cannot be very far astray in any country, and we reproduce them, not for the purpose of criticizing what the British Columbia Federation has done, but for the sake of the value which such words from an experienced and successful reformer should assay.

The New York Herald suggests that the abolition of the death penalty should be postponed until the era of deathless murders.

The experiment of conducting open air schools in London, England, has been so successful that the London County Council Education Committee will be asked to extend the scheme so as to provide for over seventy classes during the coming year.

The Mail and Empire says: "The drovers and packers have settled their differences, and of course, the consumers have no differences." Exactly. When the big "interests" arrange their differences the consumer gets squeezed. If the big fellows did not have the tariff to help them, they couldn't settle so amicably at the expense of the consumer.

The Whitehorse Star asks the following poser: If the freight charges on a box of books from Whitehorse to Skagway, a distance of 110 miles, are greater by eighty cents than on the same box of books from Skagway to Cardiff, Wales, a distance of 7000 miles, how old was Ann seventeen years after she quit having birthdays?

The Board of Trade of Goderich, Ontario, wants to get a law to enable municipalities to tax merchandise sent through the mails as soon as it reaches the consignee. We do not see why any Tory should object to the enactment of such legislation. It is only carrying the protective theory to its logical conclusion. We remember Goderich very well. It needs something of the kind to build up its home business.

While the Ottawa government is dillydallying with the naval question and evading responsibility by alleging intention to refer the matter to the British Admiralty, it is interesting to note that the proposal of President Taft to effect a saving of \$1,500,000 a year by abandoning the revenue cutter service of the United States is meeting with strenuous opposition. The revenue cutter service at present has twenty-six vessels in commission along the North Atlantic coast of the United States and about an equal number distributed among the Great Lakes and along the Pacific coast. It is under the direction of Captain Ellsworth P. Berthoff, who is in Washington. It is

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the revenue cutter which usually is first to reach a wreck or aid a vessel in distress and the little craft keep a sharp lookout for derelicts and partially submerged wreckage that may endanger steamships and sailing vessels which ply up and down the coast. Even so considerable an economy as a million and a half is not approved by the American people, where valuable service is rendered for the outlay. But we must not follow the example of Uncle Sam.

Commenting on a telegraph dispatch sent out from Vancouver respecting Premier McBride's railway policies, the Winnipeg Tribune makes a few caustic remarks. The dispatch said that in principle Premier McBride favors state owned railways, but added that representatives of a number of railway corporations had been interviewing the government of late. It concluded with the announcement that an election will follow the adjournment of the present session. Here is what the Tribune says: "Who cares a cuss what Premier McBride favors in principle? When in power, and with the resources and people of the province at his back, what does he favor in practice? Some of the most loud-mouthed advocates of state-built, state-owned, state-operated railways among both provincial and federal politicians are the worst enemies of public ownership in practice. They make professions to fool the people, and they practice to please the subsidy-hunters and franchise-grabbers. That is the unvarnished truth. It is about a thousand chances to one that Mr. McBride will make a deal with one of the existing corporations. Of course, elections usually, for some very, very strange reason or other, follow these railway deals. The B. C. premier already has one beautiful railway deal to his credit." The Tribune has just about hit the nail on the head.

Willie—"May I go and play now, ma?"
Mother—"What with those holes in your trousers?"
Willie—"No, with the boy next door."

"Who gave you that black eye, Jim?"
"Nobody gave it to me, I did it myself."

Mistress—"Has Master Willie come in yet?"
Servant—"I think so, 'm. I haven't seen him, but the cat's hiding."

"A very absent-minded professor was busily engaged in solving a scientific problem when the nurse hastily opened the door of his library and announced a great family event."

"The little stranger has arrived, professor."

"Eh?" said the professor.

"I is a little boy," said the nurse.

"Little boy, little boy," mused the professor. "Well, ask him what he wants."

VANCOUVER ROBBERY.

People Tell of Seeing Mysterious Looking Stranger Littering Near Bank.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—Although no one seems to have seen any of the men enter the Royal Bank of Canada's branch, which was the scene of this morning's robbery, there are several people in the neighborhood who tell of a mysterious looking stranger who has been loitering in that vicinity for the past week. This man is described by Mr. Moore, who is opening up a shoe store almost directly across the road from the bank, as a foreign-looking fellow who at the time he was seen last Tuesday had bandages around his chin and around his head, his face almost being completely concealed. Mr. Moore said this morning that the man's reasons for his face being tied up in such a manner was he paid frequent visits to Dr. Prout, who has apartments over the shoe store. The actions of this man became so suspicious early this week that some of the ladies in the neighborhood complained of his presence, stating they were afraid of him. Mr. Wood asked the man what he was hanging around for, and since then he has not been seen.

Miss Shoemaker, who conducts a ladies' ware establishment directly across the street from the bank, also remembers this man, and is confident that if she were to see him again she would recognize him. Her description of the man tallies somewhat with that given by the clerks of one of the men who robbed the bank.

"I noticed that he was watching the bank continually," said Mr. Woods, and Miss Shoemaker also noticed that the man walked up and down a dozen times a day with his eyes watching everything that went on around the bank.

SATURDAY'S January Sale News from Many Departments

SPECIAL MONTH-END CLEARANCE SALE IN THE STAPLE DEPARTMENT SATURDAY

There are only a few more days left in this month and on February 1 our prices will advance to their regular level. For today and Saturday we are offering some special inducements that should be of special interest to thrifty housekeepers and help to stimulate the January sale.

PILLOW SLIPS, made of strong bleached cotton. These are to be had in a variety of sizes. Regular \$2 a doz., for **\$1.50**
Regular \$2.50 a dozen for **\$2.00**
\$4.00 Hemstitched Slips for **\$3.00**
CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTON, a good even weave and free from dressing. The following widths may be had, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches. Regular 30c value, per yard, for **25c**
READY-TO-USE SHEETS—These are snow white and are free from dressing. 100 pairs only of our regular \$2.25 line to clear at **\$1.65**
50 pairs only of our regular \$3 value for **\$2.50**
PLAIN AND HEMSTITCHED SHEETS, extra heavy quality, at \$3 and **\$3.50**
GREY BLANKETS, in a variety of qualities. Single bed size of grey blankets at \$2.50. Double bed size of grey blankets, per pair, \$3.75, and double bed size of silver grey blankets at \$8.50, \$6.75 and **\$4.50**
WHITE TURKISH TOWELS, in all sizes, large face towels at 37c and **25c**
LARGE BATH TOWELS at each, \$1 and **75c**

WHITE NAINSOOK, MADAPOLAMS and VICTORIA LAWN. Here is a great variety to choose from and the prices range from 35c, 25c, 20c and **15c**
COLORED TURKISH TOWELS, regularly sold at \$1.50 a dozen are now **60c**
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, with pink or blue borders. Only enough of these for early morning shoppers. Per pair, \$3.25 and **\$3.00**
25 PAIRS OF WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, size 60x80. These are a specially good value. Per pair **\$3.75**
FLEECE WOOL BLANKETS are guaranteed by the manufacturers to be pure wool and are a full 8 lbs. weight. Per pair **\$8.50**
WOOL FILLED COMFORTERS in a variety of colors and styles. They are a much better quality than the average at these prices. Size 60x70 are to be cleared at each, **\$1.50**
Size 72x72 at each **\$1.75**
CHINTZ COVERED COMFORTERS—We have many good lines in stock and all are a specially good quality. Size 60x72 for **\$2.50**
Size 72x72 for **\$3.00**
COMFORTERS of a superior quality, covered with a heavy twill sateen and filled with sanitary wool. Price, each, \$4.50, \$4 and **\$3.50**

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CORSET COVERS, made of fine nainsook. These garments have one row of deep embroidery insertion, two rows of beading and ribbon and is edged round neck and sleeves with fine lace. Per garment **50c**

CORSET COVERS, in the tight-fitting style with neck and sleeves finished with neat embroidery. Per garment **50c**

CORSET COVERS—Several attractive styles are here to choose from in both embroidery and lace. Every garment is a bargain at **65c**

CORSET COVERS in the tight fitting style, with square or V-shaped yoke, and finished with embroidery. Per garment **75c**

CORSET COVERS, made of fine white nainsook, tucked back, short sleeves, neck and sleeves finished with embroidery and beading threaded with ribbon. Special sale price, per garment **75c**

CORSET COVERS, made of fine nainsook, have a square yoke of embroidery and lace insertion and the neck and sleeves are finished with lace. Special sale price, per garment, **90c**



\$2.75 For Skirts worth to \$8.75

Voiles, Panamas and Serges are the chief materials, and the colors include various shades of blue, black, shepherd's checks, grey, green and a variety of tweed mixtures. All sizes are here, and the styles are so varied that you are sure of finding a garment that will please you. All one price **\$2.75**

\$15 for Women's Costumes Worth \$35 and \$45

WOMEN'S COSTUMES—These are the balance of our high grade suits that have sold regularly all the season at prices ranging from \$35.00 to \$45.00, but owing to the fact that there is only one size 34, and the balance are sizes 38, 40, 42 and 44, we have made a specially big reduction in order to make a rapid clearance. The woman who can use one of these sizes will find this an exceptional opportunity to make a big saving and secure a bargain that cannot be duplicated. The price is far less than cost, but we must clear them out at once to make room for new spring goods. The materials are chiefly serges and chiffon broadcloth. One is in a good fancy suiting. They are plain tailored and are lined with good satin. Thirty suits all to clear at **\$15.00**

Thirty Children's Coats at \$2.90— Values to \$8

All sizes from 27 to 36 are to be found here in such a wide variety of styles and colors that almost any person will find it easy to make a satisfactory purchase. Tweeds, worsteds and serges are the principal materials and the quality of the workmanship is all that can be desired. We invite your inspection. All one price **\$2.90**

Special Embroidery Insertion and Lace Sale

EMBROIDERIES AND INSERTIONS from 1 to 4 inches wide and regular 10c values are selling at **2c**
EMBROIDERY AND INSERTION from 2 to 6 inches wide, and regular 15c and 20c values, for **10c**
FINE CAMBRIC EMBROIDERY from 8 to 10 inches wide, and regular 35c values will be sold at **20c**
FINE CAMBRIC EMBROIDERIES AND INSERTIONS from 6 to 10 inches wide. Regular 45c and 50c values are to be cleared at, per yard **25c**
EMBROIDERY in fine cambric, 18 inches wide, and regular 60c and 65c values to clear at, per yard **35c**

Women's Dressing Gowns at Bargain Prices

Here is a large assortment of Women's Dressing Gowns marked at prices that should please you. One glance at the goods is sufficient to convince you that the values are much higher than you would expect for the money, but having purchased a large number at an advantageous price, we are able to offer them at a bargain price. They are made of good German flannel in a great variety of patterns and colors. Prices \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.50 and **\$3.75**

612 Pieces of High Grade Blue Enamelware Sold at 75c on Saturday 25c Each

Here is an opportunity to buy useful household utensils made of good pressed steel and finished with a high grade enamel. They are a standard make, clean, durable and warranted to be free from poisonous substances. Water buckets, hand bowls, large pudding pans, coffee pots, lip saucepans, covered saucepans and chamber conveniences. Every piece represents a bargain and it may be a long time before we are able to offer another lot at such a low price. Regular 75c values are selling on Saturday at **25c**

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LOCAL NEWS

Agricultural Association.—The adjourned annual meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held in the city hall this evening commencing at 8 o'clock.

Hanna & Thompson, Pandora Ave.—Leading funeral furnishing house, Connections, Vancouver, New Westminster and Winnipeg.

Building Society.—The annual general meeting of the Victoria Building Society, will be held at the secretary's office, 614 Truncheon avenue, on Wednesday, January 31, to receive the directors' and auditors' reports, also the secretary's report and financial statement, together with the 23rd drawing for an appropriation and such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Officers will also be elected for the ensuing year.

The Hotel Westholme Cafe special business men's luncheon, every weekday, 12 to 2. Good food; quick and correct service. New management in all departments.

Year-Book.—The Times has received a copy of the year book of the Church of Our Lord for 1912, being the seventh year of issue. The book is tastefully got up and contains lists of the officers of the church and of the Sunday school, the order of services, members of the choir, etc. There is also a record of the work of the church during the past year, and an account of the home and foreign missionary work which is assisted by the church. Copies of photographs of Sir James and Lady Douglas are given as illustrations, and an extract from a private letter by Sir James Douglas is added. The booklet closes with the declaration of principles of the R. E. Church.

S. P. C. A.—Cases of cruelty, phone Inspector Russell, No. 1921.

Majestic Theatre.—An excellent film shows the Y.M.C.A. school, Silver Bay, Lake George, N. Y., August, 1911. Through the assistance of E. M. Willis, general secretary international committee, Y.M.C.A., this film was made. It shows a typical day at the training school for employed officers. The audience gets a clear idea of what is required in preparing for the position of employed officer in one of these institutions. It shows how careful they are to train men to hold positions in the various Y.M.C.A. institutions throughout the country. It will be given a prominent place in the programme at the Majestic to-day and Saturday. It will entertain, profit and delight all who see it at this delightful family resort, so home-like in all its appointments.

Four Per Cent.—You can deposit your money at 4 per cent interest with The B. C. Permanent Loan Company and be able to withdraw the total amount or any portion thereof without notice. Cheques are supplied to each depositor. Paid-up capital over \$1,000,000, assets over \$3,000,000. Branch office, 1210 Government Street, Victoria, B. C.

New Companies.—The incorporation of the following companies is noted in this week's Gazette: British Columbia Mortgage Company, Limited, capital \$200,000; Canada Mio Company, Ltd., capital \$100,000; Colonial Club, Cooke, Peden & Co., Ltd., capital \$100,000; Creston Trading Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000; Elysium Orchard Homes, Ltd., capital \$30,000; Georgia, Ltd., capital \$750,000; Hardwood Syndicate, Ltd., capital \$50,000; Provincial Land & Financial Corporation, Ltd.; Southern British Columbia Orchards, Ltd., capital \$100,000; North American Theatre Company, Ltd., capital \$50,000; Okanagan Falls Lumber Company, Ltd., capital \$25,000; Panama Silver Mining Company, Ltd., capital \$375,000.

Express or Truck.—Do not forget that you can get an express or truck at any hour you may wish. Always keep your checks until you have seen us, as we will save you the 10c on each truck you have to pay to baggage agents on trains and boats. We will check your baggage from your hotel or residence, also store it. See us before you make your arrangements. We guarantee to satisfy everyone on price and the way we handle your goods. We consider it a favor if you will report any overcharges or inactivity on the part of our help. Pacific Transfer Company, phone 249, 50 Fort St.

New Optical Parlor.—Skillful eye-testing, modest prices, latest styles in spectacle-ware. Frank Clugston, optician and optometrist, 654 Yates street (corner Douglas), room 4.

Lengthy Arguments.—For three days past the B. C. court of appeal has been engaged hearing the arguments in connection with the Boyd will case appeal. The arguments are expected to be concluded to-day.

Skates Ground.—Skates hollow-ground. J. Waites, 644 Fort street. Phone 446.

Plaintiff Won.—Judge Lampman has given judgment for the plaintiff in the amount claimed, \$280, in the action of the Victoria Plumbing Company against Greco and Jirshon. The plaintiff claimed for plumbing work done in the Clarence hotel and the defendants alleged that work other than that contracted for had been done.

"Tom and Jerry." at the Bismarck.

Case Adjourned.—The action to recover \$840, the amount of an insurance policy brought by the Greek restaurant keeper, Katsouras, against the Commercial Union Fire Insurance Company of New York, which was heard partly by Judge Lampman yesterday was adjourned until a further date before the full evidence had been taken.

Leaky Roofs Repaired by Newton & Greer Co., 1326 Wharf street, makers of "Nag" composition.

Convicted of Theft.—In the police court this morning a man named Jackson, arrested last night on Yates street with two automobile rugs in his possession, was convicted of the theft and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Constable Turner stopped the man last night and demanded information regarding the rugs. When the man did not respond he was taken to the jail, and the constable then went to Government street and discovered the owner of an automobile complaining that his rugs had been stolen.

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Harris vs. Hickey.—The evidence in the supreme court in the suit brought by Harold Harris against D. M. Hickey & Company to recover damages for a refrigerator and a car, was heard by the jury this afternoon after addresses had been delivered by counsel and the jury had been charged by Mr. Justice Gregory. After the jury returns a verdict Mr. Higgins, for the defendant company, will argue for a non suit on the ground that there was no case to go to a jury, and that according to authorities, the plaintiff should prove that he was innocent and that he was declared innocent by the court when tried. Mr. Higgins relies in this connection upon the fact that the plaintiff did not go into the witness box and give evidence.

Passing of Landmark.—The restaurant premises known during many years as the Poodle Dog has been dedicated that historic title and hereafter the "Poodle Dog" will be a memory only. The ground floor plan of the building has been reconstructed on more modern lines and the stand is now doing business under a new name, Messrs. A. W. Ottigson and H. N. Wayne are the managers of the Columbia Catering Company, Limited, which will hereafter carry on an up-to-date restaurant business under the name and style of The Delhi Cafe. One of the features of the business is that only white help is employed, the service for a first class in every particular. The whole furnishing and fixture is new and elegant, while the cuisine is appealing to an epicure. Next week, in the adjoining wing of the same building a modern and high-class cafeteria will be opened, and this new firm of caterers will successfully bid for their share of the public patronage.

Gents' Masquerade Costumes for hire at Bon Marche, Prince George block.

Mrs. Bittancourt's Death.—The inquest into the death of the late Mrs. E. J. Bittancourt, whose body was found in Vesuvius Bay on January 9, was continued at the Salt Spring Island court house last Friday. Charles A. Curtis was the principal witness, and stated that Mrs. Bittancourt had applied to him for lodging on November 29, threatening to drown herself if it was not given her. She stayed in Mr. Curtis' house until December 4, the date of her disappearance. C. M. Hutchison testified to finding the body and Dr. A. Bush stated that upon examination had found no marks which would indicate violence on the body. Mrs. J. Mason, a daughter of the deceased, gave evidence as to the state of her mother's health, stating that her mind had been unsettled for some time. P. C. Cranston stated that the deceased lady's financial affairs were in a satisfactory condition. The inquest was adjourned until more witnesses could be called.

DR. HADWEN'S LECTURE

Before Natural History Society Last Evening.

Dr. Hadwen of the Dominion Agricultural department, spoke before the Natural History Society last night in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on "British Columbia Blood Parasites and Insect Carriers." W. J. Sutton occupied the chair and introduced Dr. Hadwen as the official of the government attached to the experimental farm at Agassiz. The address was illustrated with a number of slides prepared from drawings made by Dr. Hadwen himself.

During his address Dr. Hadwen said he believed there were as many as 1,500 species of mosquito, and that malaria was carried by them. He had noticed as a curious fact that mosquitoes suffered from malaria as well as men, and he thought it even possible that the disease in the mosquito could be inherited.

He had in past years studied them along the banks of the Fraser river, and there they were a pest. In July last year he knew where a swarm of them had travelled fifteen miles in three days on a mild breeze. He had found a solution where the pest was bad, and that was to oil the swamps in which they breed.

British Columbia mosquitoes were not harmful, said the speaker. He spoke also of a mite which attaches itself to the horn fly. The mite fed on the fly and was believed to have caused the various pests and mosquitoes were found very interesting.

A number of questions were asked and one speaker said he had known of mosquitoes attacking birds. The speaker was accorded a warm vote of thanks moved by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Hastings. The next meeting of the society will take place on Monday, when E. F. Robinson will speak on "Bees and Blossoms—or the Cross Fertilization of Flowers."

LOTS OF THEM.

Large List of Appointments in Gazette, But What For?

This week's issue of the Provincial Gazette is of considerable interest because of the large number of appointments it contains, but in one particular it is very tantalizing to say the least. On the first few pages is the announcement that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in council has been caused of the large number of appointments, and then follows a list of several hundred names apportioned among some of the electoral districts of the province. They are not party appointments unless a painful mistake has been made, because the names of a number of unregenerate Grits are included among them.

A guessing contest is in order. What are these new appointments going to do? Certain it is their appointments will not be accompanied by conspicuous emoluments or the usual forty machine throughout the province will dissolve into original atoms because the spectacle of the government in "times" appointing a Grit to a position would provoke an earthquake. Perhaps the real answer is that the gentlemen named are appointed commissioners for the faking of affidavits under the Elections Act.

Jubilee Hospital Services.—In addition to the regular afternoon service on Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Pemberton chapel, there will be celebration of holy communion at 8 o'clock.

School Board.—A meeting of the school board will be held this afternoon at which the applications for a school architect will be read considered, and other work connected with the preparation of the estimates undertaken.

City Council.—There will be a short meeting of the city council this evening before the session of the streets committee, in order to authorize a number of matters which cannot wait till the ordinary meeting on Monday.

Habeas Corpus Application.—An application of habeas corpus is being made in the supreme court this afternoon for the release of the man Archibald Tiederman, who was ordered to be extradited by the extradition commissioner in connection with the money, \$11,000, which he brought here from Walla Walla. The application will take the form of a review of the evidence to obtain the decision of the supreme court as to the correctness of the commissioner's finding. In chambers this morning the money found on the prisoner was ordered to be paid into court to be held in custody for the assistance in bankruptcy, pending a suit to decide the disposition of the money. Mr. Akima, and Mr. Lowe appeared for the prisoner and Mr. Maclean and Mr. Fowkes for the creditors.

AGRICULTURAL ASSESSMENTS.

Deputation From Lower Mainland Discusses Wishes for Amendments With Municipal Committee.

Legislative Press Gallery, January 26. A deputation representing some of the lower mainland municipalities waited upon the municipal committee this morning to press for a number of changes in the Municipal Clauses Act. The deputation was headed by R. McBride, of South Vancouver, who acted as spokesman for it.

The chief point brought before the attention of the committee was in regard to the assessment of agricultural lands. In this connection the deputation presented a resolution adopted by the Richmond Farmers' Institute and endorsed by the central body, asking that the assessment on agricultural lands should be limited, not to exceed \$500 per acre. Mr. McBride dwelt on the importance of not burdening agriculture unduly, while the farmers were quite willing to pay their fair share of taxation.

Captain Stewart, of Point Grey, Mr. Erskine, of Richmond, and Mr. Atkins, of Coquitlam, supported this request.

Reeve John Oliver, of Delta, took the ground that the amendment should not fix a limit but that lands should be assessed at their value for agricultural purposes. On behalf of Delta Mr. Oliver asked for amendments to the act which would give power to district municipalities to purchase light for municipal purposes, and for amendments to the dyking and drainage sections so as to allow of a re-assessment being made for the purpose of repairs, based on the benefit received as it appeared at the time the re-assessment was made.

The committee will consider these requests when they come to deal with the several amendments applied for.

The private bills committee met this morning and dealt with a number of petitions and private bills in the early stages. The Vancouver city bill was again under consideration, with the result that the committee decided to overlook the defect in the advertising of the measure, in point of its not having been advertised for a sufficiently long time to meet the requirements of the rules of the House, but the city is to be fined for its delinquency by being compelled to pay double fees on the whole bill.

The mining committee met and organized, electing Michael Manson, member for Comox, as chairman, and J. A. Fraser, one of the members for Cariboo, as secretary.

MR. SORBY RECOMMENDED.
Harbor Association Recommends Appointment as Local Engineer on Harbor Works.

At the annual meeting of the Harbor Association a few days ago, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

"That this association desires to place on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. Sorby, extending over many years, in securing the improvement and development of the harbor and port of Victoria, and orders that this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion government, through our member, G. H. Barnard, M.P., with the recommendation that Mr. Sorby be appointed local engineer in charge of the proposed further developments of the port, on terms commensurate with his services."

LICENSING COMMISSIONERS.
Provincial Government Makes Appointments for Some of the Cities.

Licensing commissioners for the new year have been appointed for the same cities to which the government has presented a batch of police commissioners, as follows:
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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 26—5 a.m.—The barometer is abnormally low over the Pacific slope from Alaska to California, and mild, rainy weather is general, with easterly gales on the coasts of Oregon and Washington. Zero temperatures are again being general in the prairie provinces.

Forecast:
For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.
Victoria and vicinity: Fresh to strong easterly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.
Reports at 5 a.m.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.45; temperature, 44; minimum, 41; wind, 8 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 49; minimum, 38; wind, calm; rain, 32; weather, part cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.58; temperature, 39; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, cloudy.
Saskatoon—Barometer, 29.54; temperature, 43; minimum, 32; wind, 10 miles S. rain; 6 p.m. weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, zero; minimum, zero; wind, 4 miles S. E.; snow, 45; weather, clear.
Winnipeg—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 20 below; minimum, 20 below; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, clear.

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Thursday.
Temperature.
Highest 50
Lowest 40
Average 45
Rain, 36 inches.
Bright sunshine, 4 hours 42 minutes.
General state of weather, partly cloudy.

Victoria Hunt Club.—The Victoria Hunt Club will start at the Rowland road house, Burnside road, to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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POLICE COMMISSIONERS.
Guardian Angels of "The Finest" Appointed for the New Year.

The names of the new police commissioners for the various cities of the province are announced in this week's Gazette. Victoria's commissioners do not appear among them, but these will be given out very shortly. The list named so far follows:

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Greenwood: Ald. Frank E. Buckless and James Russell.
Revelstoke: Ald. O. W. Abrahamson and E. Trimble.
Kaslo: Ald. W. G. Robb and A. R. Heyland.
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News of Sport

VANCOUVER OUT TO WIN TO-NIGHT

THEY MAY UNCOVER UNEXPECTED FORM

All Guff About N. H. A Teams Coming West—Intermediate League on Rocks.

Vancouver. Positions. Victoria. Farr, Goal. Lindsay. F. Patrick, Point. L. Patrick. Griffiths, Cover Point. Small. Lalonde, Rover. Dunderdale. Nichol, Centre. Smith. Harris, Left Wing. Poulin. Phillips, Right Wing. Rowe. This is the formation of the teams for the third game between Vancouver and Victoria in the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey League series, which is to be played in Vancouver to-night. As usual both teams are confident of their ability to pull out on the long end of the score.

All signs point to an easy win for Victoria, but there are one or two circumstances which should be taken into consideration by the wise fan before he lays his pile on the locals. In the first place Walter Small, who played such a hard game on Tuesday last, has been in bed since then with a bad leg, the result of a nasty blow received in that game and may not be in condition to stand the grift to-night; and secondly, the Terranians have improved wonderfully in their last couple of games. Frank Patrick was down here at the last game and he stated that it was only the luckiest kind of luck that lost them the recent match against Westminster.

Outside of Small the Victorians are in good condition and should serve up a fine brand of hockey for the benefit of the Vancouver fans, but, as it is said that the Vancouverers are just beginning to unwork their real speed, it is just possible the local puck-chasers will find the sledging tough this evening. There is one very good reason why Frank Patrick's team may uncover a little unexpected form. They can't afford to drop any more games if they are to remain within reasonable reaching distance of the bunting, for they are already down two games and an additional one would make a pretty serious handicap.

Supporting the Capitals go up another step this evening, as they confidently hope to do, it will be up to the Royals to pull them down next Tuesday if the two leaders are to remain level. It is to be hoped they don't separate much. It is a nice race as it is and it would be almost a shame to have the teams spread out.

As far as is known Gardner and Ryland, of the New Westminster club, will handle the game to-night. All Guff, Says Lester. In the opinion of Lester Patrick and others the report that the Stanley Cup games may be played on the Pacific coast this year is all guff. Rumor has it that both Wanderers and Ottawas would be favorable to taking the trip out here in the event of either team winning the championship of the N. H. A. and that the other teams would also consider such a proposition; but it is almost beyond reason to expect that any N. H. A. team would consent to cross the continent to defend the championship, especially against a team from a young league like the one here. The different eastern teams might consider the proposition favorably at the present time, but the winning team would certainly look at it in a different light when it got possession of the silverware. However, if they should want to come they are more than welcome and undoubtedly with exhibition games it could be made to pay.

No Chance For Two Leagues. The intermediate city hockey league, which it was proposed to form, has become stranded in the making, owing to the impossibility of securing the fee for the games the amateur association has been compelled to abandon entirely the idea of forming such a league.

TO-MORROW'S SPORTS

At Victoria. Soccer Football, (Amateur Island). Wests vs. Y. M. C. A. at North Ward park, referee, W. Lorimer. Garrison vs. J. B. A. A. at Garrison grounds; referee, Mr. Allen.

City Senior Series. Foresters vs. Sons of England at Royal Athletic park, referee, W. Wilson.

Junior Series. Wests vs. High School at Macaulay Point. All games start at 2:30. Ice Hockey, (Amateur). Wards vs. Prairie club at Arena rink, 7:30 p. m.

At Vancouver. Victoria vs. Vancouver for Coast Rugby championship, referee, L. Patterson.

Victoria Ladies vs. Normal School, grass hockey match. To-night at Vancouver. Victoria vs. Vancouver, ice hockey.

INTERNATIONAL RACE ON THE GREAT LAKES

As in West Yachtsmen in East Seek Renewal of Friendly Relations.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—There will be an international yacht race this year. The new trophy offered by Commodore Richardson of the Toledo Yacht Club, to be known as the Yacht Racing Union trophy, will be sailed for on the Great Lakes by yachts representing this country and Canada. This trophy takes the place of the Canada cup, which is now held by the Rochester Yacht Club, but which is shelved because that club refuses to sail for it under conditions agreeable to both sides. When the new trophy was offered the Canadians were willing to race if a race could be arranged. They own the thirty-one rater Patricia, with which they successfully defended the Fisher trophy last season. Members of the Chicago Yacht Club have been anxious to arrange a race, and at a meeting of the Yacht Owners' Association last week it was arranged that at least one new yacht should be built.

Commodore William Hale Thompson, of the Chicago club, heads one syndicate which will at once order plans to be drawn to build a Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto. One-half of the necessary money has been subscribed and those interested in the other half want to be raised easily and that it is possible the two syndicates may be organized. F. A. Price has been named by Commodore Thompson as chairman of the committee to arrange for the building of the new boat and to negotiate with the Toronto Canadian Yacht Club. He has received a letter from Secretary MacMurray, of the Canadian Club, which said that the Canadians were eager to renew the friendly relations with the Chicago club and arrange a race. It was in a club and arrange a race. The Canadians won the Canada cup, which was kept in competition for several years. The Canadians want the "race" to be sailed off Toronto, but the Chicago men think that they can take them to men. The syndicate boat will be of class P and will be built to conform to the universal rules. The cost to build and maintain the new yacht will be from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Other yachtsmen on the build-

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ONLY ONE CHANGE IN LINE-UP GIVEN

VICTORIA RUGBYISTS RISK ALL TO-MORROW

Stand Even Chance to Win Against Vancouver—Team is Well Balanced.

Only one change is announced in the line-up of the Victoria Rugby team to play Vancouver at Brockton Point to-morrow afternoon for the highest honors in football the Coast has to offer. Russ, an English Rugby player and an old hand at the game, has replaced Leo Sweeney on the forward line.

On form Victoria stands an even chance of winning to-morrow. They have been beaten twice by Vancouver, but since then the team has wonderfully improved. Plenty of practice has steadied the three-quarter line and the back has all its former weight. Fullback Williams is a find whose worth cannot be too much exaggerated, and with Morton working well Carter, b. Barnes, b. Foster, 31. Dr. H. V. Horden, not out, 49. C. Carter, run out, 41. H. Carter, c. Smith, b. Douglas, 29. W. J. Whitty, b. Woolley, 11. Extras, 19.

By winning or drawing to-morrow Vancouver will annex both McKee and Cooper-Keith trophies, with the latter of which goes the Pacific Coast championship. If Victoria wins this and the next game on February 3 a play-off will be necessary.

Loss, the new man, played for Oak Bay last Saturday and he added a lot of strength to that aggregation. He lacks speed, but makes up for that by his weight and thorough knowledge of the game. Matthews, another new face on the team, was recently from Vancouver and played for the Terminal City against Stanford this season.

Whichever way it goes it should be a splendid exhibition of Rugby. The Victoria boys are going over determined to win, but if they do know they have been playing Rugby for the Mainlanders have been in hard training and are in the pink of condition. It is the Vancouver three-quarter line that are most dangerous and if the local backs can stop them Victoria stands a good chance of returning home victorious.

The team leaves to-night and the game starts at 2:30 to-morrow afternoon. L. Patterson, of Vancouver, will referee.

Here are the teams: Victoria. Bullen. Fullback. Williams. Three-quarters. Sawers. Steward. McRoberts. Stewart. Ellis. Martin. McLeod. Halfbacks. Smith. Newcombe. Cadden. Morton. Forwards. R. Gillespie. Chay. S. Gillespie. Thomas. Carstairs. Smith. Heinicke. McEldan. Miller. Scott. Matthews. Holyrod. Buss. Durrant. Reserves. Sweeney. Kenning. Galliber. Rich. Bennet. Walsh. Upson.

To-morrow evening the third match in the amateur hockey series will be played at the arena rink, when the North Wards meet the Prairie Club. The former are looking forward to a nice easy time in view of the latter club's performance against the Wests, but you never can tell. If there is anything more uncertain than a woman it is ice hockey, and it is just possible that one of its vagaries may be witnessed to-morrow night.

The game will start at 7:30 and will be refereed by two of the professionals. The Ward team will be selected from the following: Hollenbeck, Robertson, Hooper, Burnett, Deltz, Hasty, Davison, Bell and Glason. The Wards have already won one game against the James Bays and will go into the lead in the league if they win to-morrow.

ARENA Hockey AND SKATING

SATURDAY, JAN. 27. Prairie Club vs. North Ward. 7:30 to 8:30. Skating 8:30 to 10:30. MONDAY, JAN. 29. J. B. A. A. vs. V. W. A. A. 7:30 to 8:30. Skating 8:30 to 10:30. One admission for each day's attractions. **50c**. Band in attendance.

SPORT NOTES

Didier Pitre, of the Canadiens, in the N. H. A. is shod with one of the most expensive sets of skates in Canada. Pitre is one of the hardest men in the game on skates, and has broken up two pairs this season. His old skates, the pair that he wore back in the days of the International League, alone stand the strain, but the edge has been turned up so many times that it is impossible to hold an edge on them now. Consequently a pair of exceedingly hard steel blades have been imported from Pittsburgh for the Canadian hockey star.

If Nick Williams holds his job against some husky youngsters, that are applicants for it, the Northwestern League will see four of its managers rooting on the first sack—Brashar at Vancouver, Barry at Seattle and Lou Nordyke, the new Victoria boss.

Bill Burns, the sleepest twirler in the big leagues, will have a chance to snooze in the minors this year. After being tried out by Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago and the Philadelphia Nationals he is to be sent back, Doot and Fogel met recently and decided to let Minneapolis have the twirler.

Abe Attel, featherweight champion.

Manager McCredie, of Portland, has expressed himself as well pleased with the new ball which will be used by the Pacific Coast League next season, and says that the Goldsmith Company, manufacturers of the new balls, made the league directors such a good offer that it would have been folly to have turned it down.

The Y. M. C. A. has organized an inter-team basketball league for which a schedule is now being arranged. The following are to captain the various teams: F. Archibald, H. F. Bird, F. Beckwith, B. Main and F. Mead. The winning team proposes to challenge Duncan on the conclusion of the series.

This is really the best yet. "I have reached the conclusion," says Jack Johnson, "that I am the one man in the world that can defeat Frank Gotch in July." Can you see Jim Flynn getting a fight if the "smoke" was to attempt a fight with Gotch? Gotch would simply break him in two.

(Additional Sport on page 9.)

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land is Greatest Loser.

With a total of 33 vessels posted as Lloyd's as "missing," the year just closed has witnessed more of such disasters than any twelvemonth since 1906. It is true that a notable proportion of the year's missing craft have been vessels of small tonnage—coasting steamers, trawlers, schooners, and ketches. But, in addition to these, a good number of overseas cargo steamers and deep-water sailing ships have been included in the roll of the vanished.

Last year's total was made up of 16 steamers, 16 sailers, and one petrol motor schooner, the total net tonnage being 18,559. British vessels numbered 20 (eight steamers, twelve sailers). Other countries' vessels were: Norway, three sailers and one steamer; Greece, two steamers; Brazil, two new river steamers; Russia and Belgium, one steamer; Germany, one steam trawler; Denmark, one schooner; and France, one petrol motor schooner.

The case of the *Asina*, posted on February 1, was certainly one of the most interesting. She was bound from London to the West Coast of Africa, and, judging from the recognizable wreckage which was passed at sea, there is every reason to suppose that she foundered in the Bay of Biscay. By her disappearance 37 lives were lost. Of 223 tons, the *Cayo Lazo*, which mysteriously disappeared when bound from Swansea to Tampico, was the largest steamer posted during the year. Laden with coal, this Type-B ship put to sea in April. Not so very long afterwards two of her boats were discovered, and the position in which these were found pointed to the fact that she had been lost not long after she set out on her last voyage.

The oldest missing sailer was the ketch *Atlas*, launched in 1864. The Belgian steamer *Cap Sparte*, posted on May 10, was the oldest steamer. She was launched in 1883, and her last voyage was from Swansea to Palermo. Judged solely on the basis of net tonnage, the little tug *Beauveuve* was the smallest of the 33 missing vessels. This craft, last between the Clyde and Lisbon, had a gross tonnage of 49, and net tonnage nil.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Jan. 25.

Seattle—Arrived: Jefferson, from Skagway. Sailed: President and Stompa for San Francisco; *Alameda* for Southwestern Alaska; Steamer *Titan* for Victoria; Hartington for Portland.

Astoria—Arrived: *Aurora* from San Francisco. Sailed: Oil tanker *Catania* for San Francisco; oil tanker *Oudem* and oil tanker *Assumption* for San Francisco; steamers *Alliance* for Eureka and Coos Bay, Roanoke for San Francisco and San Pedro, Washington for San Francisco; oil tanker *J. Chandler* for San Francisco; oil tanker *Washpeta* for San Francisco.

Tenyo Maru from Hongkong. Sailed: steamer *Crown* of Galicia for Liverpool; steamer *Fairhaven* for Portland; steamers *Centuria* and *Daisy* for Grays Harbor.

San Pedro—Arrived: steamer *Gov. Gordon* for San Diego; steamer *Bandon* for San Diego; *Wilbra* for Aberdeen. Sailed: Governor for Puget Sound via San Francisco; steamer *St. Helens* for Columbia River.

PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS.

Lisbon, Jan. 25.—Premier Vasconcellos and the members of his cabinet resigned to-night as the result of the political crisis. The minister of the colonies was the first to resign, and the others quickly followed suit. The cabinet has only been in existence since the early part of last November, when it succeeded the ministry which had been organized by Senor Chagas when the provisional cabinet resigned in August last.

There are 99,999 kinds of booties.



NOW AT LAS PALMAS TO LOAD MORE COAL

Princess Patricia at Canary
Island Port—Charlotte
Out of Dock.

Advice received this morning by the officials of the B. C. Coast Service states that the new steamer Princess Patricia arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, yesterday. She left Cardiff after loading a full cargo of South Wales coal on Friday last and has had a good run to the island. After replenishing her bunkers the Patricia will sail for St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands and then cross the Atlantic to Montevideo.

This afternoon the Princess Charlotte was floated out of the Esquimalt dry dock, where she has been for several days having one of her shafts straightened. She will be given a short overhauling before again entering on the triangular run. It is expected that she will start running about the beginning of the week taking the run of the Princess Alice, which is to relieve the Princess Victoria.

Work on the construction of the big oil tanks in the places formerly utilized aboard the Prince George for bunkers is progressing as fast as possible. The steamer will stay in her tanks 3,200 barrels of oil which will enable her to make the round trip to Esquimalt at a speed of little over fourteen knots.

About the first of March the George will be ready to relieve the Prince Rupert on the run. It will only require about a month to equip the other Prince steamer as no time will be lost in the getting of the material ready for the bi-weekly service will be commenced about April 1.

SLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

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The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest low water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the level to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

The completion of this jetty is re-

SEVERAL DAYS OF STORMY WEATHER

CHICAGO MARU MAKES
BUT 220 MILES A DAY

Japanese Liner Here From Yokohama—Minnesota Has Rough Trip.

Heavy weather necessitating the slowing down of her engines was the cause of the delay experienced by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Chicago Maru, Capt. Goto, which arrived at the outer docks early this morning from Yokohama, Hongkong and Shanghai. For three days after leaving the Japanese port strong northeasterly gales were encountered and when nearing this coast a heavy storm from the south was met. Between these spells of heavy weather light rains fell but otherwise the conditions were good.

On three days during the trip the steamship averaged but 200 miles and at some time she was propelled at less than five knots an hour. The tremendous seas forced Capt. Goto to drive his ship slowly, which was responsible for her long trip of seventeen days from Yokohama. The big waves swept over the vessel's bow but did not damage the ship in any way.

Capt. Goto reports that the Great Northern steamer Minnesota, Capt. Gralick, had an exceedingly rough passage across the Pacific from Seattle to Yokohama. She reached the Japanese port several days behind her schedule, which was caused through the fierce storms met off this coast and also when nearing Japan. The gigantic ship was not injured nor the huge cargo of flour, which she had aboard.

Contracts have been let by the Japanese government for the construction of three new battleships. The Mitsui Bishi Company is to build two and the Kawasaki yard is to construct the other. They will be among the largest in the Mikado's navy and will be built on the Dreadnought design.

Aboard the Chicago Maru were 27 steamer passengers and one saloon passenger for Victoria, and one saloon and 20 Chinese for Tacoma. The first class passenger who left the ship here was Amrogio Riva, a silk merchant in Shanghai, who is on a trip to New York.

Two hundred and twenty-four tons of freight were unloaded at the outer docks before the steamship proceeded to Tacoma this afternoon to land her silk cargo.

AWARDED BIG CONTRACT.

Westminster Man to Build 6,900 Feet
of Jetty at Mouth of Fraser River.

New Westminster, Jan. 26.—The contract for the construction of 6,900 feet of jetty at the mouth of the Fraser River has been awarded to T. F. Sinclair, according to advice received from Ottawa to-day. Mr. Sinclair's tender of \$171,000 was the lowest received, the Norton Griffiths Construction company being second with a bid of \$190,000. The other tenders received ranged up to \$255,000 for the work.

According to the terms of the specification under which tenders were called for, the work must be completed and accepted within twelve months from the date on which the successful bidder is notified of the acceptance of his tender. The jetty in all is 6,900 feet in length, of which 3,100 feet will be single bulkhead and the remaining 3,800 feet a double bulkhead. It will start from a point 968 feet from the Garry Point tide gauge, near Steveston, at which place it will rest on grass land submerged at high tide. The completion of this jetty is re-

garded locally at the first important step in the development of the Fraser River as the great fresh water harbor of the British Columbia coast.

Mr. Sinclair came to this city a couple of years ago from the upper country where he engaged in contracting. He successfully tendered for the West End sewer work and for a number of other city contracts. Recently he acquired controlling interest in the Fraser Valley Tile & Cement Company. He has been in Ottawa for the past few weeks in connection with his tender for work on the jetty.

FISHING MAGNATES RETURNING TO CITY

W. V. Doughty and F. R. Roshier are in Winnipeg—
Work on New Plants.

On their return from a trip to England, where they have been in the interests of their company, W. Vere Doughty, managing director of the British Columbia Fisheries, Ltd., a company incorporated here some time ago with a capital of \$1,120,000 to develop British Columbia fisheries with headquarters at Prince Rupert, and F. R. Roshier, of this city, reached Winnipeg yesterday and are proceeding to-day on their trip to Victoria. Early in the week they called on Premier Borden at Ottawa with the view of obtaining some assistance in furthering their enterprise.

Sir George Doughty, one of the great fisheries experts of Great Britain, is at the head of the concern. He visited Canada to report on the Pacific ocean fisheries about 18 months ago at the request of Earl Grey, after the latter's visit to the northern waters on a hunting expedition. Earl Grey is reported to be deeply interested in the concern.

The company, apart from its commercial appearance, has the object of preventing the absorption of the British Columbia fisheries by the Japanese and other foreign countries. Until enough traffic is established from Prince Rupert, its activities will be restricted to fish oil, fertilizer and fish food by a newly-patented process. Afterwards its business will be extended to the shipment of fresh fish to the various inland markets of Canada. Messrs. Doughty and Roshier leave Winnipeg to-night for the coast to begin active work on the construction of the company's fish-curing plants.

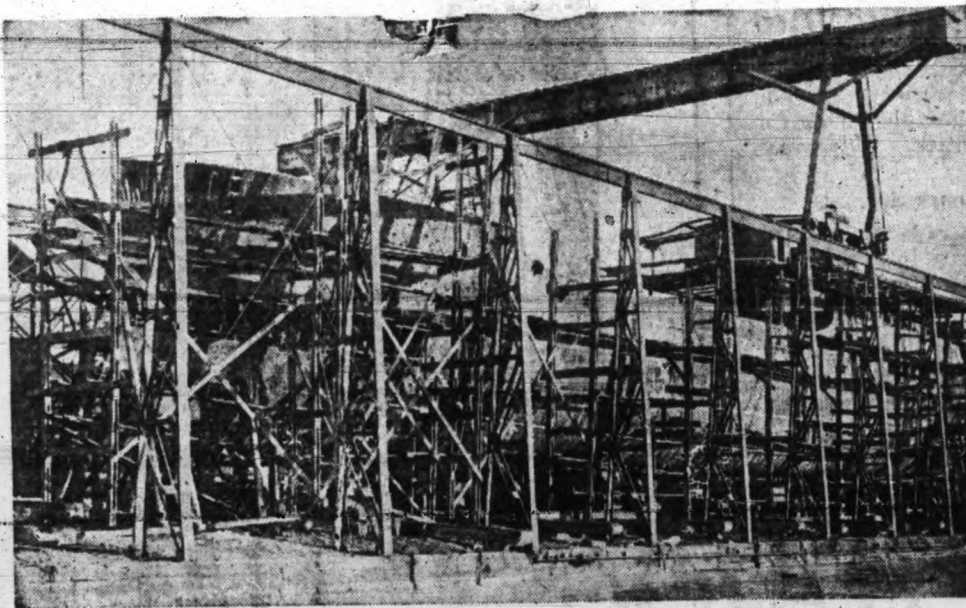
MARINE NOTES

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25.—Tug boats arriving this morning report that a heavy swell prevailed last night in the Gulf of Georgia caused by the strong southeast wind which got up. The swell was felt even in the sheltered waters of Howe Sound according to the J. Boyden which arrived in the bay this morning from Britannia mines.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25.—The C. P. R. liner Montague will get away some time this afternoon for Union Bay where she will bunker. This proceeding is adopted owing to the longer stay in port on the winter schedule and because the company has found it cheaper to bunker at Union than to take coal from the scows.

Because they abandoned the Humboldt lug schooner *Jessie Minor* in Nelson's lagoon, Alaska, shortly after chartering her from Walter Jorgenson, the latter has been given judgment against the Libby, McNeill & Libby Company for \$7,000, that being the balance due on the charter and the master's salary and the time lost and \$90 cabin money. The vessel was given up in Alaska and drifted ashore and was lost.

Specifications for extensive repairs to the light-house tender *Columbie* in Washington, D. C., and bids for the



LIGHTHOUSE TENDER ESTEVAN

Now in course of construction at Collingwood, Ont. This picture which was taken on December 13, shows that the vessel is nearly ready for launching. Nearly all the plating has been rivetted on. It is expected that the Estevan will arrive here some time in the fall of this year.

Canadian Pacific Winter Train Services

Train No. 4, "Toronto Express," leaves Vancouver daily at 8.45 a.m. carrying through first class and Colonist coaches, Standard and Tourist Sleeping cars, also dining car Vancouver to Toronto.

Train No. 14, "Seattle-St. Paul Express," leaves Vancouver daily at 1.45 p.m., carrying through First class and Colonist coaches, Standard and Tourist Sleeping cars, Compartment Observation car and Dining car Vancouver to St. Paul, also Standard Sleeper Vancouver to Arrowhead.

Train No. 2, "Imperial Limited," leaves Vancouver daily at 7.30 p.m., carrying through First class and Colonist coaches, Standard and Tourist Sleeping cars, Compartment Observation car and Dining Car Vancouver to Montreal.

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work are to be asked immediately. The repairs will include a number of new plates as well as some work on the keel.

Some time to-night or to-morrow the Pacific Coast steamer *Montara*, arriving in port from San Francisco with nearly 200 tons of cargo for Victoria. She is taking the place of the steamship *Queen*, which is relieving the Governor on the Seattle-Frisco run.

The steamer *Whitcomb* went ashore on the Dungeness spit Tuesday night, but was floated Wednesday morning and proceeded to Seattle. She was undamaged.

Inaugurating a direct passenger service to Sitka and points of Prince of Wales Island and other islands of Southeastern Alaska, which have been without such connection with Puget Sound for many years, the steamship *Al-Ki* left Seattle Wednesday night with a full complement of passengers.

The steamer *Strathairn*, of the Strath line, chartered to Waterhouse & Co., will arrive in Tacoma February 6. She will load lumber and general freight there. The *Strathairn* arrived at Comox Wednesday, and from there will go to Vancouver for a part cargo of lumber. She will sail direct from Tacoma for Sydney, New South Wales, on February 21 or 22.

The steamer *Maritima*, Capt. Rennie, under charter to the Balfour Guthrie & Co., is loading 4,000 tons of wheat at Tacoma.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.	From the Orient.	Jan. 28
Suzerle	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
Tamba Maru	Feb. 1	Feb. 1
Panama Maru	Feb. 8	Feb. 8
Empress of India	Feb. 16	Feb. 16
From Australia.	Feb. 6	Feb. 6
Marama	Feb. 6	Feb. 6
From Liverpool.	Feb. 24	Feb. 24
Protosilau	Feb. 24	Feb. 24
From Mexico.	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
Beckenham	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
From Antwerp.	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
Comedian	Jan. 28	Jan. 28
Kamakura Maru	Jan. 27	Jan. 27
Chicago Maru	Feb. 3	Feb. 3
Monteagle	Feb. 7	Feb. 7
Beckenham	Feb. 15	Feb. 15
From Liverpool.	Feb. 21	Feb. 21
Titan	Feb. 21	Feb. 21
From Australia.	Feb. 21	Feb. 21
Marama	Feb. 21	Feb. 21
COASTWISE STEAMERS.	From San Francisco	Feb. 1
Umatilla	Feb. 1	Feb. 1
Queen	Feb. 8	Feb. 8

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From Northern B. C. Ports.
Prince Rupert, Jan. 28
Vadso, Jan. 28
Princess Rupert, Jan. 28
Venture, Jan. 28
From Skagway, Feb. 7
Princess May, Feb. 7
For Northern B. C. Ports.
Prince Rupert, Feb. 28
Vadso, Feb. 28
Princess Beatrice, Feb. 28
Venture, Feb. 28
For the West Coast.
Teos, Feb. 1
Princess Mary, Jan. 29
For East Coast.
Queen City, Jan. 29

TUG SINKS; TWO DROWNED.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Jan. 25.—Capt. S. A. Tallander and his son, Rector, were drowned by the sinking of the tug *Glen-Ross*. The tug was moored to the wharf and they were asleep on the boat when the mooring was tightened by the tide and the tug sank immediately.

The accident was seen by Ed. Norman, a herring fisherman, but there was not time to save the Tallanders. The vessel lies five fathoms deep, close to the wharf, and a diver is trying to recover the bodies.

CONGRATULATED THE WINNING ELEVEN

Okell and McConnell Cups to
Be Presented at Annual
Meeting.

At the Victoria and District Soccer Association meeting held last evening the Garrison and Victoria West football teams were formally announced champions in the senior and second division city leagues respectively. It will be two or three weeks at least before the junior series ends.

Regarding the junior game, which should have been played last Saturday between the Wards and the High School, but which was not owing to a disagreement between the teams over the referee, the delegates decided to leave the matter over until the next meeting, when more particulars would be to hand. Tentative arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held some Saturday in the latter part of February. In connection with the meeting an entertainment to take the vital form of a banquet, smokes, amusements, etc., will be held.

It was decided to ask the Morley Cup League to leave one Saturday in February open on which the Soccer Association proposes to have a game played between the Old Country and Native Sons, the proceeds to go towards defraying expenses of the association.

At the annual meeting the Okell and McConnell cups, emblematic of the senior and intermediate city championships, will be presented to the Garrison and West teams. The managers of those teams, Sergt. Baines and J. Young, were heartily congratulated by the association upon their successful work, and President Manson delivered a short address, in which he commented upon the sportsmanlike manner in which the two successful teams had conducted themselves throughout the season.

S. O. E. Team.

The Sons of England team, to play the Foresters at the Royal Athletic park to-morrow afternoon, is as follows: Goal, Loveridge; backs, Hyman and Perry; halves, C. Martin, Greenhalch (capt.) and Waring; forwards, Alcock, Thomas, Douglas, Maxwell and Wedgewood.

LOCAL LADIES VS. NORMAL.

Grass Hockey Team From Victoria Plays in Vancouver To-morrow.

The Victoria ladies grass hockey team journeys across to Vancouver today to take on the Normal School in a game at Brockton Point to-morrow. The following is the personnel of the local team: Goal, Miss Robertson;

backs, Misses Summerville and Christopher; halves, Misses Stuart, McGerry, and Weiner; forwards, Misses Vally, Grant, Briggs, Fisher and Attwood.

INAUGURATE AMATEUR ISLAND FOOTBALL

Two Games To-morrow, One
of Which Will Undoubtedly
Be Hard Fought.

The inauguration of the Morley Cup soccer series for the amateur island championship takes place to-morrow two games being played. The Wests and Y. M. C. A. play at the North Ward park and the Garrison and J. B. A. A. on the former's grounds.

The former game will undoubtedly be a hard-fought struggle. The Garrison are city champions and as such can claim to be the strongest amateur eleven in this part of the country. While the Wests, although they did not get a place in the city league, showed their strength all through the series. With regard to the other game no prediction can be made. It remains to be seen whether the Y. M. C. A. players are fast enough to give the Wests a good game.

The Garrison team follows: Goal, Beagney; backs, Elton, Jones; halves, Vincent, Wylie, Brown; forwards, Ward, Greator, Gale, Stevens, Buxton.

The West team: Goal, Robertson; backs, Prevost and Stewart; halves, Okell, Petticrew and Warnicker; forwards, Sherritt, F. Youson, J. Peden, Carmichael and H. Brown; reserve, Sedger.

COLD IN EAST.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—This city is again in the grip of Jack Frost. The thermometer was ten below this morning. Townships reports say record low temperatures were registered this morning. Smith's Falls reports 48 below, Fitch Bay 43 below, and Margot 38 below.

MOTOR CAR TAX PROPOSED.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—A motion was passed by the York county council yesterday calling on the Ontario government to tax all motor cars using the country roads.

Billy Delaney, the famous trainer of champion pugilists, died Wednesday at his home, 1365 Broadway, in Oakland, Cal. He had been ill for several months and his death was not unexpected. While on a visit to the east last year he contracted a severe cold which finally developed into a complete breakdown.

BURNS CONCERT WAS BIG SUCCESS

VICTORIA THEATRE
CROWDED FOR EVENT

An Excellent Programme Was
Enthusiastically Applauded—
Songs of Auld Scotia.

Scotch folks and their friends took the capacity of the Victoria theatre last night to hear the twenty-fourth annual Burns concert under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church choir, under their veteran conductor, J. G. Brown. Twenty-four years without a break is indeed a record, and the crowded theatre testified to Mr. Brown's popularity.

The programme from the rise of the curtain to the end was one of excellence, every number being of exceptional merit. The choir presented a fine sight, the ladies being dressed in white with a tartan sash over the left shoulder, while the gentlemen all wore a tartan bow on their coats.

The opening number, "O Canada," indicated that although far from the home of their birth, the Scots are true to the country of their adoption.

Piper Norman McDonald is certainly



J. G. BROWN, CONDUCTOR AT
LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT

master of the national instrument, his solo and playing for the dancing being much enjoyed.

The next number was the "Chevalier's Roll Call" by the choir. It is a chorus calling all the different clans together and was excellently well rendered, each part coming in on time, and indeed, judging from the reception Mr. Houghan, violinist, received, the clans had arrived for after playing a fine selection of Scotch airs, he struck up a reel which

brought applause from the different clans all over the theatre. Mrs. Butler sang "The Cottage Wives Burns Was Born" and was in splendid voice, responding with "Callie Herrin." R. Morrison's rendition of the beautiful love lyric of Burns was a splendid exhibition of vocalization, coupled with a wealth of feeling and expression rarely heard in this city. The song has a range of two octaves and tries the best of voices. At

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Mr. and Mrs. F. Sibbard, of Ladysmith, are at the Dominion.

James Bayfield, superintendent of dredging, is at the Empress.

J. Armstrong and J. Watson, Vancouver, are at the Dominion.

R. Shanks and J. Gillis, of Seattle, are staying at the Dominion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Fox, of Cowichan, are registered at the Empress.

G. S. Cleland and E. Cleveland are among the Vancouverites at the Empress.

J. B. Chanbell, of Spokane, left by yesterday afternoon's boat for Vancouver.

Captain T. H. Worsnip, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is staying at the Empress.

J. L. Lawson, E. S. Vanderhope and C. McLean, of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress.

Ralph Smith, ex-M.P., now a resident of Vancouver, came over from the Mainland yesterday.

J. A. McCullum, mayor of Grand Forks, who has been spending the last few days in the city, has left for the interior.

F. R. Glover, of the B. C. Electric

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The marriage of Miss Florence L. Butler, eldest daughter of Mr. M. J. Butler, general manager of the Dominion Steel Corporation, to Mr. R. H. Dore of Montreal, took place last week at Sydney, N. S.

Mrs. Gordon Hunter has returned to this city after spending a week with Mrs. Dockrill, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver. Chief Justice Hunter is expected back the end of this week.

The following are registered at the Prince George: W. E. Chapman, Prince Rupert; James A. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, John Watson, Vancouver; K. Tremont, New York City; E. H. Morris, Vancouver; J. E. Larrigan, city; J. B. Davies, Nanaimo; J. S. Glenn, Vancouver; E. Adams, Bellingham; James Nelson, J. A. Noble, Vancouver; Steve Bassett, Cumberland; R. McPherson, city.

The marriage took place last week in All Saints church, Ottawa, of Miss E. Lillian Dainty, daughter of Mrs. John Dainty of Cobourg, to Mr. Samuel McDougall, son of the late Auditor General, Mr. J. Lorne McDougall, and of Mrs. McDougall of Ottawa. The bride was attended by two matrons of honor, her sister, Mrs. Harry Fitzhugh, and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Gormally, as maid of honor, and two bridesmaids, Miss Pauline Lemelin and Miss Gertrude Tait of Toronto. The best man was Mr. Gordon McTavish, and the ushers, Mr. Morris McDougall (St. Louis), and Mr. Archie McDougall (Toronto), brothers of the bridegroom; Mr. A. L. McDougall, a cousin; Mr. Hugo Ross (Winnipeg); Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Felton Gilmore.

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The marriage of Miss Florence L. Butler, eldest daughter of Mr. M. J. Butler, general manager of the Dominion Steel Corporation, to Mr. R. H. Dore of Montreal, took place last week at Sydney, N. S.

Mrs. Gordon Hunter has returned to this city after spending a week with Mrs. Dockrill, Shaughnessy Heights, Vancouver. Chief Justice Hunter is expected back the end of this week.

The following are registered at the Prince George: W. E. Chapman, Prince Rupert; James A. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, John Watson, Vancouver; K. Tremont, New York City; E. H. Morris, Vancouver; J. E. Larrigan, city; J. B. Davies, Nanaimo; J. S. Glenn, Vancouver; E. Adams, Bellingham; James Nelson, J. A. Noble, Vancouver; Steve Bassett, Cumberland; R. McPherson, city.

The marriage took place last week in All Saints church, Ottawa, of Miss E. Lillian Dainty, daughter of Mrs. John Dainty of Cobourg, to Mr. Samuel McDougall, son of the late Auditor General, Mr. J. Lorne McDougall, and of Mrs. McDougall of Ottawa. The bride was attended by two matrons of honor, her sister, Mrs. Harry Fitzhugh, and the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Gormally, as maid of honor, and two bridesmaids, Miss Pauline Lemelin and Miss Gertrude Tait of Toronto. The best man was Mr. Gordon McTavish, and the ushers, Mr. Morris McDougall (St. Louis), and Mr. Archie McDougall (Toronto), brothers of the bridegroom; Mr. A. L. McDougall, a cousin; Mr. Hugo Ross (Winnipeg); Mr. John Thompson, and Mr. Felton Gilmore.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

Two young friends of mine who had been kept apart by a foolish misunderstanding for over two years, just the other day, explained away the misunderstanding, picked up the romance, where it had dropped, became engaged, and are now in a fair way to be happily married.

And yet they are both grieving even in the midst of the happiness for the needlessly lost two years. I say "needlessly" because if one of these had taken the pains to write half a dozen extra words on a certain occasion, the wretched misunderstanding would never have come about. And these extra words were simply his name and address, and they should have been written on the outside of an envelope.

When the two graduated from college about two years ago, the feeling of admiration and attraction which each felt towards the other, had not been put into definite words. Much to her delight, however, he did ask permission to write, which was gladly granted. They exchanged several letters and then a letter of hers remained unanswered. She waited hopefully at first, and then as the long weeks grew into months, you know how long they can be when they are measured by the painfully longed for, but sickeningly disappointing visits of the postman—she simply decided that his silence meant he was weary of the friendship and the correspondence, and tried to forget him.

Meanwhile he, on his side, had interpreted her failure to respond to his letter as a sign that she was weary of the correspondence, and the friendship and he tried to forget her.

How came it that there were two unanswered letters? Why simply in the usual way. He had made a slight mistake in the address, and his letter, not having any return address on the envelope, had been sent to the dead letter office.

Now neither met anyone who seemed to fill the place of the lost friend, and fortunately the chance meeting cleared away the trouble, and they are to be married, and I suppose to live happily ever afterwards, but I fancy a great many misunderstandings which begin just that way are never cleared up.

Just the other day I chanced to meet a woman who some months ago offered to do me a favor. I accepted her kind offer and wrote her a letter regarding the matter. I never heard from her again and supposed she had changed her mind. Our chance meeting brought about explanations, and I found out that she had answered my letter, but I never received the answer. Naturally she, as well as I, was wondering at the silence. All that would have been avoided if she had had her name and address on the outside of her letter.

Again I wrote twice to a treasured friend and both times made a careless mistake. In the address I had no answer. I was just deciding that the correspondence was no longer welcome when my letters came back to me, making everything clear.

Just yesterday a girl told me of a Christmas gift which went astray in this way and of a grieved and puzzled friend.

I don't doubt that every day just such misunderstandings arise, of course, there are times when letters

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mysteriously disappear even when safeguarded in this way, but I know these occasions are infinitely few. The return address is letter insurance. The time you take in writing it, or the money spent to have it printed, is the premium you pay. The security against misunderstandings is the value you receive.

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Ruth Cameron

FERTILE LAND OF THE NEW NORTH

INTERESTING ARTICLE
BY MISS CAMERON

Flowers Bloom on the Slave
River—Wheat in Peace
River Country.

The following interesting article, "Our Lady of the Sunshine," dealing with Canada's fertile northland, from the pen of Agnes Deans Cameron, of this city, appears in a recent issue of "Canada".

Canada, like the widow's crust of oil, seems to grow with the using. One supposes there is an ultimate frontier somewhere between wheatfields and ternal ice; but where shall we find it? The oft-geographers fixed the frontier at the international boundary. Then it was supposed to be at Winnipeg. For years Edmonton was the "last house," and Edmonton is 800 miles northwest of Winnipeg. And yet 400 miles north of Edmonton I have seen good wheat grown and milled.

The northern limit of the railroad in Prairie Canada to-day is Edmonton, on the Saskatchewan. Edmonton seems far north to the people of London, but it is actually in equal latitude with the docks of Liverpool and the cotton mills of Manchester. And what of the land north of Edmonton, that great hinterland between the present railways and the edge of the Arctic? Is there a Siberia beyond the Saskatchewan? Or may we hope for arable acres along the Athabasca?

It was to answer this question that, three years ago, I followed the mighty Mackenzie to the Pacific Ocean, returning to civilization by way of the Peace River and the Lesser Slave. The journey occupied six months, and in the time I covered 10,000 miles, most of it by primitive modes of transportation. It is a great privilege to be able thus to see an edge of the empire in process of making, to gaze upon the raw edges of the work.

Leaving the railroad at Edmonton, a hundred miles by horse brings us to the Athabasca river. We floated down the Athabasca for ten days in open scows or "sturgeon-heads," reaching Fort McMurray, in latitude 56 deg. 40 min., on June 4. Here we found Miss Christine Gordon, a sweet-faced Scottish woman, a fur trader in her own right, the only white woman living along a stretch of 300 miles of the Athabasca river.

A Pleasant Land.
Pressing northward and reveling in the flowers of Fort Smith, on the Slave river, we can scarcely realize that we are 60 deg. north—the northern boundary of the province of Alberta—and in the same latitude as St. Petersburg. It is a pleasant land. We gather an treasure-trove pretty painted-cups, coreopsis, dandelions in seed, shin-leaf (Pyrola elliptica), the pink anemone, great bunches of golden-rod, hare-bells of wonderful blue, ladies' tresses, our old friend yarrow, and that dear daisy of lower latitudes, the pink lady-slipper.

Hay River is a tributary to Great Slave lake, and pulling into this point in broad daylight on the midnight of July 9, it is to find the garden of the Church of England mission a perfect picture to behold. Here are matured lettuce, radishes almost ready to eat, potatoes well advanced, peas and beans a foot high, and splendid-looking turnips and cabbages.

In latitude 63 deg. north, at the inconspicuous post of Fort Wrigley, on the Mackenzie, on July 11, we found the fringed gentian in open fields, and amid purple asters, wild flax, both pink and purple columbines, and the green-pencilled flowers of the grass of PARANASSUS.

On July 12 we floated into Fort Norman, two degrees nearer the north pole, where the Bear river disembogues from Great Bear lake into the broad-bosomed Mackenzie. Norman was a riot of bloom, with the giant willow-herb shouldering high and the perfume of wild roses everywhere.

Where Sir John Franklin parted from Richardson, at Point Separation, over seventy miles north of the Arctic Circle, vegetation was still rank and luxuriant—tree growth continuing to the very lip of the Arctic ocean. Wild flax and golden rod flourished side by side, and set in strange juxtaposition were wild roses and tundra Eskimo.

Turning south, we retraced by lake and river our way to Lake Athabasca, and there broke away from the Mackenzie river proper to follow westward, against the current, the fascinating course of the Peace. We were six weeks on the Peace river in an open boat. Whatever may be the future of the Mackenzie River district, there is no shadow of doubt regarding the Peace River country. With the coming of the railway, this lush valley will support a vast agrarian population.

Vermilion-on-the-Peace is full of charm. Here the Hudson's Bay Company grows grain, grinds flour, and trades in furs, and Indians in spring buy guns and traps, paying for them when autumn comes with wheat of their own raising. Cereal crops sown in May are gathered in August; wheat matures in ninety days from seed-sowing to seed-gathering.

The menu of one dinner which we ate under the hospitable roof-tree of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, demonstrates how independent the Vermilion rancher is of the world of the railway 400 miles due south of him. We had ham and beef raised on the premises, bread made from flour grown and ground on this ranch, with potatoes, turnips, carrots, parsnips, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and celery, all home-grown. The butter was made by Mrs. Wilson, and the salt, which, salted it came from a natural deposit near Fort Smith, on Slave river. The four component parts of the pie we ate—flour, lard, butter,

and fruit—were all products of this inland Utopia.

Vermilion Wheat.
One turns over the heads of Vermilion wheat and dreams greatly. They average four, five, and six grains to the fascicle; this wheat of England and Scotland runs from two to four grains to the fascicle. What do we read in this? Not only did Nature intend the Peace river for a wheat-growing country, but the heat, moisture, and eighteen hours of fervid sunshine in the summer combine to make of this the ideal wheat-growing range of the continent.

The whole section of North America, extending from St. Paul, on the Mississippi, northwesterly, is marked by a northward curve of the summer isotherm. In mid-April the banks of the Peace River in latitude 56 deg. are white and mauve with flowering anemones. These harbingers of spring brighten the land around Hudson's Hope, Fort St. John, and Vermilion-on-the-Peace earlier than they appear hundreds of miles to the east and south. Spring opens in April, warm weather sets in, and the heat increases until mid-August. The month of September is a living glory; and if the winter is cold, is it not also salutary?

It was the Central Asian Plain in the past which produced all the world's grain and fruit and men of might. The valleys of the Athabasca and the Peace are its western prototype. It is not my desire to picture the Peace River country as a field for immediate immigration. Folly would it be for the homesteader to push in here when his free farm of 160 acres is still to be had for the asking in the prairie land to the south, already served by railroads. The Peace River country is a glorious heritage for the English-speaking peoples of succeeding generations. Threading its pleasant valleys to-day, with the quickened ear of faith, one hears the footstep of a coming army, and in prophetic vision we glimpse the cities of "new-born nations, masterful, free, and proud."

In emphasizing our wheat lands we are in danger of forgetting the other great gifts in Canada's Pandora-box. The fishing grounds of Canada, extending from the Bay of Fundy to the Strait of Belle Isle, on the Atlantic coast, and from the Fraser river to Prince Rupert, on the Pacific, with a quarter of a million square miles of fresh water in the interior, give us not only the most extensive, but the best-stocked and most valuable commercial fishing waters in the world. Our fishery production for last year amounted to \$5,000,000; between the years 1873 and 1909 Canadian fishermen have drawn from sea and lake a shining wealth of £147,000,000.

SCOTSMEN HONOR MEMORY OF BURNS

Literary Society Banquet Attended by Many in James Bay Hotel Last Night.

The Scotsmen of the city drank to the immortal memory of Robert Burns last night and they feasted in his honor. The toastmaster remarked that all over the world yesterday were Scotsmen celebrating the memory of Robert Burns. In Victoria the illustrious poet of Scotland was made to live again by admirers of his works assembled in the James Bay hotel, and although not great in number, in fact there were "foreigners" there, an Englishman and an Irishman who both proposed toasts; the night was far advanced before the men from the land of the heather and their friends had finished paying an annual tribute to the great poet's memory.

Who ever believes that Scotsmen are not humorous, that they lack the faculty of quickly discerning the point in a humorous story, is not acquainted with the type of Scot present at the Scottish Literary Society dinner last night. The after dinner speeches were indeed remarkable for the abundance of wit—but seventy per cent. of it commenced with "Hill, Mon," which to one of Scottish birth is humorous in itself.

The speakers were David Donald, M.D., toastmaster, who proposed the King; Capt. C. F. de Salis, who proposed Scotland, a toast that was replied to by J. Welsh, who was introduced as the newest important man into Victoria. Mr. Sheridan-Bickers proposed the Scottish Literary Society, and a response was heard from F. D. Todd.

Dr. Donald, who proposed the toast of the King, also gave "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns." His double duty was occasioned by the addition of a business meeting after dinner of E. B. Paul, M. A., whose name appeared on the programme. Dr. Donald read a telegram from Norman H. Nesbitt, sent yesterday from Minneapolis, in which the president of the society wished the banqueters to know of his regret at his own absence. The president's health was added to the toast list.

The toastmaster spoke of the versatility of the poet, of his diversified work in his different moods, while Mr. Todd remarked that Burns had the faculty of discerning coming events and putting them into verse. He described Burns as the poet of democracy, who saw in his day the events now taking place in the world. Capt. de Salis paid a great tribute to Scotsmen, having travelled over the world and found them always the same everywhere. Returning the compliment Mr. Welsh remarked that he was but three weeks from Scotland, and while at first he knew no one, he now knows many, and these quite apart from real estate men. Mr. Todd vouched for the statement that Burns' famous answer to those about to marry also came from Scotland. He said it was written by Dr. Alexander and sent to Burns. The proprietors of the paper returned five guineas for it, and said the speaker, England's famous joke came from Scotland and Scotland was five guineas ahead.

The toast of "The Guests" was given by Hugh Davis and responded to by Rev. E. G. Miller, and the secretary

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of the society, J. F. Wilson proposed "Our Adopted Country." Dr. Eric Perkins accompanied A. G. Annan in a song, "There Was a Lad Born in Kyle," and the national anthem and Auld Lang Syne completed the proceedings.

WOMEN WILL COMBAT THE CIGARETTE EVIL

W. C. T. U. Will Present Petition Regarding the Weed—Rev. Henderson Talks.

About sixty people were present yesterday afternoon for the first of the 1912 meetings of the W.C.T.U., which took place at the residence of Mrs. Teague, Yates street. The president, Mrs. Williscroft, occupied the chair.

The feature of the afternoon was the address given by the Rev. Mr. Henderson on the evils of cigarette smoking. The speaker said that the influence of the mother on the life of the child was too often overlooked, and pointed out in what a number of ways this was shown. He called attention to the value of the child to the nation, saying that the children were of supreme value in all that concerned the race, and that the child of to-day, who would be the man of the future, was the hope of the nation. The saying of the man was as nothing to the saving of the child. Rev. Mr. Henderson spoke of the absolute waste which took place when parents did not start right with their children. "Children start off in the wrong about seven," said the speaker, "and if the proper influences are brought to bear the best that is in the nature of the child will be developed rather than the other side." Emphasis was again made of the fact that the mother has the most

to do with the child life, and consequently with the human race. Her influence cannot be overestimated. Rev. Mr. Henderson went on to speak of the parents and their lack of appreciation of what their children brought to them, and of the development which followed to their own natures through the avenues of thought and suggestion.

"Parenthood," he said, "is the climax of humanity." The speaker deplored the prevalence of the habit among young boys, and described some of the evils which followed the practice of the habit. He praised the work which is being done by the W.C.T.U., who have steadfastly upheld all that stood for sobriety, purity, and all that is good.

At the conclusion of Rev. Mr. Henderson's address a resolution was passed by those present to submit a petition asking that the law regarding the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to minors should be more rigidly enforced. A committee was appointed to look into the matter to learn if something cannot be done to remove the possibilities of having the matter taken up as a branch of education in the schools as it is at present in various parts of the United States where the evil of the practice is pointed out to the children by their teachers. The convenor of the committee is Mrs. F. Andrews, the other members being: Mrs. Gregson, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Dickson.

A delightful programme of songs was rendered by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, who sang "Sunshine and Rain," and Miss Dilworth, who gave "Hold Thou My Hand." Mrs. Williscroft was appointed official delegate from the Victoria branch of the W.C.T.U. to the Local Option convention, which opens at Vancouver on February 1. The bi-monthly meetings of the society it was decided to hold in the Political Equality League rooms, 647 Fort street, in future. At the conclusion of the meeting a social touch was added by the serving of afternoon tea, in which Mrs. Teague was assisted by her daughter and Miss Spencer. The gathering broke up about 5.30 after a most interesting afternoon's discussion.

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So Premier McBride Tells Farmers' Institute This Morning—Refers to Ottawa.

During the course of discussion of the various resolutions placed before the Farmers' Institute this morning, the Hon. Richard McBride entered, and after a few introductory remarks by the chairman, W. E. Scott, gave a short talk to the delegates.

"I think," said the honorable gentleman, "that this is either the ninth or tenth meeting of the kind that I have been permitted to address in the Capital City during annual convention, and it is not at all difficult for me, when Mr. Scott refers so clearly to certain statistics to note at once with what substantial progress your association has gone along. It is true the government has given some considerable assistance toward the furtherance of your efforts, and that this has been well recognized by those of you who are interested in the work, goes without saying. The presence here to-day of so many farmers, makes it patent to us all with what interest you have followed the work of the Farmers' Institutes in the country. Mr. Scott, like myself, I am sure, fully understands with what inconvenience and loss of time many of you come here. It must be at a tremendous sacrifice to many of you to leave your homes and to arrange to spend so much time in the capital city on a mission of this sort."

"I followed with interest what transpired at your meeting yesterday," said the Premier, "and I was especially interested in what took place with regard to the question of the public telephone. This is by no means a theme that is new to us in this country. So far as the provincial government is concerned we have been pressed by various representative bodies in the interior of the province to undertake the construction and operation of government telephones. I look upon the situation in this light: that considering the size and the configuration of the province of British Columbia, it would be very difficult indeed to carry out a policy, for if the government goes into the telephone situation it must be prepared to equip the whole country with an adequate telephone system. You must know that the Dominion government has already taken steps toward the installation of telephones in the Kootenays, the Okanagan district, along certain of the coast districts, and

on the Island as well. There are complaints that the Dominion-owned system is not complete, and we have been asked to represent to the ministry at Ottawa that there is necessity for improvement at once. This I propose to do.

"I pass from this question not with any wish, however, to leave the impression with you that the provincial government is determined to turn its back on the matter, but rather with the intent that you should understand that you have discussed the question at this convention, and to tell me what resolution you have passed on the subject. We may not see eye to eye with you, but simply because we may not be prepared to go all the way with you we will not feel that it is in any way a reflection on the deliberations of your convention, which we recognize as being a most important factor in bringing in all sorts of useful legislation in the province. Many of the legislative acts of the past emanated from the deliberations of your body."

"I should like to congratulate you all on the wonderful progress that agriculture generally is making in the province," concluded the Premier, "although we recognize that there is still much to be done. Undoubtedly you are leaving nothing undone to make your work as complete as possible. The government recognizes that the province is as yet only in its infancy, and that agriculture is just about making a fair start. There is a great deal to be done by both the provincial and federal governments, and as the months roll by I feel sure that no effort will be spared by either department to give you all the help that the Institute deserves."

A vote of thanks to the Premier for his kindness in consenting to address the meeting, was followed by a resumption of the morning's business.

W. H. Hayward, M.P.
Another important speaker during the morning was Mr. W. H. Hayward, of Cowichan, who spoke in support of co-operation among farmers, and instanced the notable success which had followed the adoption of the system in his district, where prices had steadily advanced and ready markets were always to be found for the farmers' products. "The Creamery in Cowichan has been in operation for several years," said the speaker, "and it is largely owing to the co-operation of the farmers in our district that this has been so successful. Co-operation is the chief thing which is going to bring agricultural pursuits to a better state. The spirit of emulation had, he said, resulted perhaps in petty jealousies, but in a larger sense it had been productive of much that was good. He had heard it said that if the farmers would join together they would rule the world, but he had experienced that it was a very hard

thing to get the farmers to do this. Wherever you have a co-operative feeling, I think you will find that you not only increase the quality of your product, but also enormously increase the quantity," said the speaker, "and the value of all commodities, wherever you have a co-operative society, is increased enormously. Years ago I used to take my produce to the purchaser and take what he would give me for it; to-day I simply take my product to the grocer and he takes what I ask for it rather than what he chooses to give for it."

Referring to the progress that had been made since the Cowichan Creamery was brought into working order, Mr. Hayward said that in 1907 the highest price he ever got for eggs was 18 cents a dozen, but that since the creamery had started the least he had ever received for his eggs was 27 cents a dozen.

In conclusion the speaker said he would be delighted to give any assistance that lay in his power, either in the way of suggestion or by any other means, to the delegates from the various Institutes.

Of the several resolutions dealt with No. 22, which had referred to the hoarding of money to farmers was by far the most important.

The wording of the resolution was to the effect that owing to the exceptional conditions existing in the province, which, by reason of its general physical conformation, the heavy growth of timber, the widely scattered areas of arable and cultivated lands and other peculiarities, render the development of agriculture in British Columbia unusually slow and unduly expensive as compared with the rate of development in other provinces, and by reason of modern and improved methods of agriculture and the high prices of materials and appliances used by the farmer, greatly increased facilities and much larger capital are necessary to successful farming operations than formerly. Therefore, in the opinion of the Institute, the present economic conditions should have the immediate and serious consideration of both the provincial and federal governments so that some comprehensive financial policy of betterment might be evolved, placing agriculture on a basis of equality with that of other businesses in respect to opportunity, and that it have the consideration attached to it that has been given to the subject of forestry. The resolution further stipulated that a committee of members of the Institute should be appointed by the chair to present the resolution to the House, the Premier, and the Minister of Finance and Agriculture, urging upon them the importance of its recommendations. This resolution was passed as were several others.

REYES MAY GO TO JAIL

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 26.—General Reyes will not be shot for inciting a rebellion against the Mexican government. That opinion is expressed by President Madero in a statement made to the San Antonio Express. Instead, President Madero thinks General Reyes would probably get a sentence of from six to eight years in prison.

IN WOUCHANG WHEN TROUBLE STARTED

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Ambrogio Riva Arrives on Mexico Maru—China Not Ready for Republic, He Says.

Ambrogio Riva, a gentleman who has travelled rather extensively in China, being the agent of three of the largest mills in Shanghai, and who was at Wu Chang when the great revolution broke out, arrived in this city this morning on the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner, Chicago Maru, from the Orient to spend a short time here. Mr. Riva gives an interesting account of his last trip through China which was brought to rather an abrupt termination by the various consuls at Hankow ordering all foreigners to hasten to the coast when the first signs of the revolution were detected.

Mr. Riva has been in Shanghai for over five years, during which time he has been interested in the silk business. It has been his opportunity on many occasions to make trips into the interior of the Flowery Kingdom, and on his last excursion he left the Chinese port on July 29 as a member of an Italian touring party. He first stopped at Tsing Tan, a German port, and from there went on to Chee Foo, which is famous for its laces and silks. The party proceeded on to Tien Tsin and Peking and it was not until they visited Hankow that any signs of the revolution were seen, although there was a general unrest in the other parts. In company with the other members of the party Mr. Riva was in Wu Chang, which is across the Yangtze river from Hankow, when the rebels started the trouble. They seized the house of the Tahoti, who was a Manchurian, and riots were started in most of the streets. The rebels were just beginning to become desperate when the consuls ordered all foreigners to proceed to the coast at once. As a result Mr. Riva took a house-boat and came down the river.

Speaking of the revolution, Mr. Riva said: "There is no doubt but that the rebels will win out. The stand taken by the revolutionists in regard to the establishment of a republic, however, is not considered altogether wise. After having an autocratic monarchy for over 600 years, to cry so suddenly for a republic might result in a civil war. China is not yet prepared for a republic. They don't know what a republic means, outside of the fact that they believe that they will all secure good jobs."

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says that each year Shanghai exports about 70,000 bales valued at over \$25,000,000. There are now 32 mills in the Chinese port and about six or seven scattered about the outside of the town. In recent years up-to-date machinery has been installed in the mills and as a result a much finer grade of silk is being obtained. About 300,000 women are engaged in spinning the silk at these different mills. Mr. Riva while in this city will stop

at the Dominion hotel. Leaving here he will go to Vancouver and later to Seattle and Tacoma before crossing the continent to New York. He intends to return to the Orient by way of Siberia.

Ad Wolgast wants to fight middle-weights. He believes he can clean up the pretenders in that division, and already is making plans to do a whirlwind stunt.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLER.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 26.—John McPherson, cashier of the Singer Sewing Machine agency in Sydney, Australia, is being held in the Alameda county jail by the federal authorities pending the arrival of officers from Australia, with a warrant charging the embezzlement of \$25,000 from the firm. The fugitive was arrested on his arrival here on a freight steamer on which he worked his passage under an assumed name.

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Reciprocity Not Dead, But Is Still An Issue in Poli- tics.

H. F. G. writes to the Toronto Star from Ottawa as follows:

Who said "trimmed to a finish"? Imagine the roar that would go up in No. 89 if anybody made that remark about the result of last September. The Liberal party in the House of Commons has been in a better fighting shape. It has taken its weight in wild cats if it has anything to fight about.

Just there is the rub. What are they going to fight about? A government afraid of its job finds its best plan a campaign of masterly inaction. Premier Borden is like that rheumatic old gentleman in Roman history—Pompey. His real name was—what was it?—most of his victories by dodging battles. They called him the Delayer, but as a delayer the present government has anything in ancient or modern times beaten a mile. Tariff goes over to next session. Navy goes over to next session. Ne Temere goes over to next session if Lancaster can be kept reformed. Everything goes over that can go over. Borden may be the nominal leader, but the leader they rely on most is General Postmaster.

Wanted: A Causus Belli.

It is quite plain that the government is not going to supply the Liberal party with fighting issues. The government's evident intention is to keep issues from them as much as possible. The government will carry on most of the business policies the Liberals left behind them for that is common sense and good politics. They may not be so keen about some things as the Liberals were, but that is only natural. You don't expect the widowed who has married a widow to feel the same toward her as he did toward the first wife of his heart. The government does its duty fairly well by these second-hand policies when it takes them up, looks them over, and decides to go on with them in a modified way. Take the Hudson's Bay Railway for example. The Minister of Railways "desires to have fuller knowledge." When Mr. Cochrane gets his fuller knowledge and his own outfit of contractors the railway will probably go on.

Obviously the opposition must supply its own issues. There is small debate in this year's estimates—they are Liberal estimates. So that gun is spiked. The government is disposed to do nothing, and that makes it hard scratching for critics. The opposition may have all sorts of schemes to use the residuary knowledge of the working of the departments to trip the government up on this or on that, to harry and pester and pin-prick, but what's needed, as Fred Pardee says, is something to yell about. If you had two guesses as to what the Liberal party has to yell about you would probably say, no duty on agricultural implements and reciprocity in natural products with the United States. If you had only one guess you would say—reciprocity.

The Western members are outspoken in their opinion that reciprocity is the thing to nail to the mast. The Ontario

members are beginning to think that way too. They take their cue from the awakened surprise and indignation of the electors in their own constituencies. When Conservative farmers come and tell the Liberal member that they voted against reciprocity and their own interests because they were sure that reciprocity would carry without their help, and they didn't want to kick their own party when it "was down," it begins to dawn upon him just how clever Clifford Sifton's Ontario tactics were. Every day goes to show that the old flag had no more to do with it than other things, chief of which was organization. Was it any wonder that the voice of the people got lost amongst so many false cries?

Sticking by the People.

"The people, God bless them," says one philosopher from the Essex peninsula. "Because they get it wrong twice to get it right once, is no reason why the Liberal party should go back on them. Reciprocity is one of the last things we ought to give up. It is part of the free trade gospel we had handed down to us from the fathers. It means cheap food for the people."

"Since the election," said another Ontario member, "the Ontario farmer has been exercising almost human intelligence. He has kept his eyes open and he has seen how much hogs went down and wheat went up, and I think if he had to do it again he would do it differently. Reciprocity is a better business proposition to-day than it was four months ago. If it were hard to get it back it will be good fighting ground still, for the Liberals can then point out, and keep pointing out, what a fine chance Canada lost."

A List of Reasons.

All sorts of Liberal reasons for making reciprocity the issue may be heard. Here are some of the "because," as picked up in No. 98 and the lobbies:

"Because it is the biggest issue since confederation, big enough to wipe out race and creed and unite the party on a fundamental of economic doctrine. Even Bourassa was in favor of reciprocity, if only to head off the jingo-imperialists. It is true Bourassa swallowed his reciprocity pamphlet during the campaign; but that was a bit of maneuvering. His opinions did not change."

"Because it is the best issue since confederation. A question with so many facts will always have a varied intellectual and human interest. It is the marrow of much debate, the material of many good speeches."

"Because it takes the Liberal party back to the old, sound first principles from which they may have strayed while in office. Disburdened in compromises and concessions, a party out of power ought to be able to make practice and profession work together. A spacious idea like reciprocity is something one can be earnest about."

"Because it will tend to amity with the United States, a consummation much wished by Great Britain, which country, whatever the flag-wavers may say, was keenly disappointed when reciprocity was defeated. International politics have grown more acute since September last. The friendly cheerfulness of the United States newspapers and the United States people is largely illusory. Everything Champ Clark says must not be taken for a joke. That astute politician is playing for a vote, a vote that is not to Great Britain or Canada. Uncle Sam could smile and smile as long as nothing occurred to disturb his dream that some day he would be heir to everything. But now it's different. He'll keep on smiling sure enough, but when he can give a business watch him do it. See what

he did to the Nova Scotia fishermen the other day.

And Still More.

Because the west furnishes new arguments for reciprocity every day. The western farmers who have wheat that is rotting in the fields and barley that they can't get out to a market know what reciprocity would have meant. As McNutt, of Saltcoats, says, the West is like a man starving with a bag of gold under his pillow. If the West had two or three bad crops in succession, reciprocity or something just as good would have to go through or the confederation would split. Old-timers will remember the Farmers' Union in Manitoba in the late eighties and its self-denying utterances for the general good of the country.

Because Borden may give it another name and do it if the Liberals don't get to it first. This is more than likely. With very little trouble the government could easily change our onion to their rose.

Because reciprocity is the only issue left. "Because there is nothing else to do and the Liberals have plenty of men to do it. The party in the House, though thinned, is full of first-class fighting men who only want something to fight about."

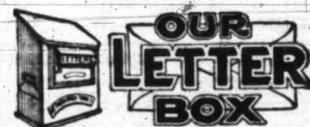
Because the government sits on a powder barrel. You can tell that by the way it fidgets. It can't get rid of the soreheads. They're as sullen and stalling as a cask of dynamite. It should be easy to throw a panic into them.

Figuring It Out.

According to the more impetuous Liberals the great battle that will put Laurier in again should take place within two, at the most three, years. The government can hardly deny redistribution and an enlarged western representation. The longer it delays, while reciprocity sentiment should have opened the country's eyes to its mistake.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will then be 72 or 73; not too old to lead to a victory, not too old to have some years left for ease, retirement, reflection, some writing perhaps, and a breathing space in which "to make his soul." Besides, what are 70 years and odd to a young heart? Look at Strathearn flying around the world at 52.

From all of which it would appear that reciprocity is not dead yet. We did not kill the albatross, as Dr. McPhail alleges, but we made a wicked shot at it.



NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received before 10 a. m. When received after that hour they will go over until next day.

OAK BAY SEWER.

To the Editor:—Just a line, please, on the new sewer in Oak Bay and I have done for the present.

In this evening's paper the Reeve of Oak Bay in a very sarcastic reply to my letter of the 22nd taking exception to emptying the sewer into Shoal Bay says I have in mind some mythical sewerage scheme. Not at all, Mr. Reeve. My information is from a source even you would not dispute, and I will go with you to the party who told me that a pump would be necessary at Shoal Bay (if you wish).

It is up to the Reeve and Council to prove that the proposed sewer will not injuriously affect Shoal Bay, otherwise those who believe different have a right to defend their own interests.

I am not aware of any legitimate scheme having for its aim the betterment of the whole city ever having been turned down by the ratepayers. Some big schemes, which bore the earmarks of catering to a few have received their quietus.

I am very much in favor of a sewer scheme in Oak Bay, but why it should "or" low the proposed course is at present more than I can vote for.

There have been lots of mistakes made in street work in Oak Bay, even when the present Reeve was in the council. It is up to those interested to see that no greater mistake in the sewerage of the municipality is not made now.

G. E. MILLOY.

"EQUAL BUT UNLIKE."

To the Editor:—I would like to attract the attention of your readers to a glaring illustration of a serious fact important to domestic life, and which I think may be of value to aspiring lovers who are looking hopefully forward to the domestic joys which should be theirs.

While attending a theatre a few days ago, I noticed particularly a man, his wife and child. My attention was caught by the conspicuous health of the woman and to the extent of her drawn features of the husband. He was not lacking in intelligence as his face and head indicated, but he was shy of the vivacity and buoyant exuberance portrayed by his wife. She really looked the better able, physically, to care for him than he for her. One could see that this man appreciated the earnest endeavors of his wife to arouse his latent tastes for the theatricals and his occasional forced smile proved the "spirit" was willing though the flesh was weak. It appeared, also, that the woman would have been much happier had her husband appreciated the show with the same ecstasy as herself. Several lessons can be derived from this usually unobtrusive circumstance.

Perhaps I can give the conditions of this case. The man was at work daily to provide for his beloved wife and family. Tiring and straining more severely than nature intended body and mind had not recovered from the overtaxation. The constant bending had misshapen his body and bent his neck. There had been no rest during the labor of the day had begun, and even at the noon hour, possibly cut down to thirty minutes, enough time had not been permitted to allow his stomach to adjust itself for its allotted function. Meanwhile, in the little home or flat given her to boss, the wife had worked, rested and dined. Through reasonable treatment her body was aching, her lungs free, her heart in its place, her expression natural and agreeable. That in such a case, and these are in the majority

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(Victoria "Times.")

Workers are now engaged at the Victoria Machinery Depot in removing the machinery from the two river steamers, Operator and Conveyor, of the Foley, Welch & Stewart fleet, and packing it for shipment inland to Tete Jaune Cache.

Capt. S. B. Johnson, superintendent of this concern, stated recently that the hulls would not be sent to the Upper Fraser in sections, but that new vessels would be constructed for the machinery.

Material is now being assembled at Tete Jaune Cache for the building of the sternwheeler, which will be a little larger than the two steamers now in port. The construction work will be rushed with all speed in order that the craft may be able to commence operating as soon as the river is open for navigation in the spring. According to the arrangements made by Foley, Welch & Stewart, the new vessels will run from Tete Jaune Cache to Fort George, between which points the company has the contract for the laying of the steel for the G. T. P. Railway.

About six weeks will be used to carry the freight, and if the trade warrants additional vessels the company will build them. The Upper Fraser similar to the Yukon, there being a down-river haul. The screws will be taken back from Fort George to Cache Creek for if they were deeply laden it would be impossible to make headway against the current.

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Labor Convention Adopts Substitute Resolution—Call for Natal Act

In order to avoid difficulty in the future, and even to prevent any fear of disruption, the B. C. Federation of Labor yesterday afternoon and evening spent several hours discussing the problem of socialism, and whether it would be wise to endorse any political platform in the present state of the federation. To prevent the organization from becoming pledged to any definite policy without reference to the affiliated unions, a substitute resolution, asked only for reference back to them in a referendum motion was carried after a free and open discussion, with a trifling opposition from the floor.

Substitute Motion.
There were four resolutions dealing with the endorsement or otherwise of political action in connection with the federation. These were resolution 83, declaring that the federation existed to build up the idea of industrial unionism; that province rather than be the training school of politics; resolution 84 from district six of the Western Federation of Miners, expressing their endorsement of the programme of the Socialist party; resolution 88 from the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, Vancouver, regretting that craft unionism had failed to achieve the necessary results, and looking for the inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth as the only solution; resolution 89, calling on the executive in view of the forthcoming provincial election they should consider ways and means to put working men in the field, and to call on the working classes to vote for municipal, provincial and federal working men candidates.

Mr. McVeety, chairman of the resolutions committee, in moving that in place of the resolutions a substitute resolution should be carried, stated that the best interests of that body would be served by this course, through a policy of education rather than the policy of the club, and they must remember they could only move just as fast as the rank and file were ready to advance.

The resolution said: "Whereas the sense of this convention being in favor of independent political action, and whereas resolutions have been received urging the endorsement of the doctrine of socialism, therefore be it resolved that the question of the endorsement of the doctrine of socialism be submitted to specially summoned meetings of the affiliated unions, returns of the vote to be sent to the secretary of the federation for compilation."

The committee did not desire to engage in a long discussion, the mover continued. It was not a case of the committee refusing to come out in the open, for if the committee members had studied their political judgment they would have recommended the endorsement of the Socialist party. Their heart for he personally had been a member of the Socialist party for years, but because they did not wish to force any measures down the throats of the delegates who were not Socialists. A campaign of education would be more useful than the endorsement of any particular platform as the way of educating the workers. The task of the resolution would place the responsibility where it belonged for decision on the workers. (Applause.) He would point out they had never been asked to endorse the Socialist party by that organization. The fact that the Western Federation of Miners had affiliated with the B. C. F. L. showed their belief in a campaign of education among the members.

Points of Discussion.
Delegate Heatherton showed that political action had failed among the American miners, and resort had been had to violence, but the delegates had come to see that nothing was to be gained by violent tactics, such as had been practised in certain recent strikes.

Delegate Stewart gave a graphic description of the difficulties under which mining was carried on at the branch mine of the Canadian collieries near Comberston, and believed they must have representation from men who really understood labor's needs.

Delegate J. L. Martin believed the working classes were becoming more revolutionary every year.
Delegate Pettipiece had waited 20 years for the culmination of the position of labor represented in that gathering, and while a Socialist, he recognized they must move with the progress of the rank and file. Many men were good labor men except on election day, and he hoped the time was coming when working men would cease to be traitors to their class on polling day. They must reach the period of ownership of the means of production, and arrive at that time when they owned the jobs, and political action was essential to secure the necessary law making powers. He believed in ten years they would see great changes in the composition of the legislature. (Applause.)

C. P. Moriarty protested against the arguments of violence used by Delegate Heatherton, which the latter denied.

Delegates Shirk and Webb followed. The former favored nationalization of the means of industry. The latter spoke of the wide world movement towards socialism. Mr. Webb remarked they had had too many cases of men riding into power on the backs of the working classes, instancing John Burns, Ben Tillett and Tom Mann. The workers would not vote for a real Socialist or Labor candidate when they had the chance, as was shown by the treatment accorded Gordon Brown

and Christian Siyerts in federal and municipal elections recently. He did not think his union, the painters, would endorse any Socialist party at the present time. They had received considerable favors from provincial ministers, and let them be satisfied with what they could get by political action to-day.

Delegate Kavanagh said they as trades unionists did not practise what they preached when there were two men after one job, and they should seek better organization of industry to escape competition.

Slow Progress Best.

Several other delegates followed with speeches advocating socialism, but meanwhile being satisfied with what they could get by political agitation. Delegate Moulton taking the line that only 25 per cent. of the working classes were organized, and even a large percentage of them could not follow the pace set by their leaders. He criticized Burns and Keir Hardie as being in the pay of political parties in the Old Country, a statement strongly resented by Delegate Trotter.

Delegates O'Neill, Richardson and T. R. Hill followed, and Delegate Trotter argued that too many speakers had taken the view that all was vanity. There was a world-wide movement in favor of working classes being represented by their own people, and while British Columbia was leading the Dominion in the industrial movement, it would not take first place very long unless the residents of the province got busy. After all the question before them was only the expression of a pious opinion.

Delegate Uphill expressed the opinion that the miners were inevitably coming to socialism as the remedy. Delegate Siverts spoke strongly in favor of political power through political action. The debate was then adjourned.

Evening Session.

In a vigorous speech when the session resumed in the evening, Secretary Midgley denounced the timidity of delegates who did not wish the case to go back to the unions for decision. There was nothing more pitiable than a member of the working class apologizing for the capitalist class.

R. A. Stoney said his union, the typographical, had not sent him there to pledge himself to any movement. He was a Conservative, personally, and not ashamed of it, but he was a good labor man, and had sat on the Westminster school board as a labor representative.

Delegate Roberts favored political action and condemned the capitalist classes, whose actions had clothed humanity in rags. Following other speakers, Mrs. Gardner saw in socialism the only relief for the women. She hoped they would get real women's franchise in the province in the interests of the women and children.

Delegate Wilton believed they, in the country from which he came, New Zealand, had secured what they wanted under the name of Liberalism, and under this name of Labor in Australia, but it mattered not under what name it was called, if they secured the results. (Applause.)

Delegates Muller and Schaffel added interesting comments. The former said socialism as a political force had been created in the country from which he came, Germany, and they now had ninety-nine members in the Reichstag because the socialists had achieved what they set out to obtain.

H. J. Sheen believed they had a fine opportunity at the next election to displace the men at James Bay for legislators in the interests of the workers. G. W. Palmer said that as a laborer, he was leaving that party because it had failed to achieve useful legislation for the working classes.

After George Burt had spoken for the miners, in which he made the interesting statement that the miners on the island only received 68 cents a ton for coal mined, which cost the consumer \$7.50, the chairman would open the debate.

The President.

The president, after calling Delegate Siverts to the chair, took the floor, and said their action last night would be vital to the future of the federation. If he had put a resolution on socialism to the meeting they would have pledged themselves for the future, and after all, the ultimate responsibility for the actions of the federation depended on the members themselves. He had in his mind divided the opponents of socialism into various classes: first the blockhead class, who could not understand anything beyond a certain point. That was the genuine anti-socialist who could not receive any benefit save by a careful operation, which would involve death.

The next class was that class which deliberately and directly traced its sentiment to the supply of the capitalist class. These were the capitalist classes who wished competition among the workers, they had sought to eliminate competition among themselves, and thus by saving the wastage charges, they took the profits, and reduced the opportunity for employment. He (the capitalist) must crush down the cost of raw materials and the price of wages in order to make profits, hence the increased problems to the employee.

Humor and pathos were numbered in his address, and warming to his subject, the speaker said the pressure of the development of the industrial system was pinching not only the working classes but the so-called middle classes. Heaven knew what they lived for except to reside in the suburbs of pride, poverty and pianos, the last named on the hire-purchase system, but at any rate they were feeling the pinch. The reason they were socialists was that they could not help it. (Applause.)

Delegate Whyte, of the Victoria Typographical Union, criticized the discussion as tending to trades unionism, and to stir up to trades unionism, and to stir up to trades unionism. Delegate McVeety, who wound up the debate, believed that every sentiment of opinion had been expressed that day. Four delegates from the Vancouver Typographical Union had spoken that day, and most curiously had for once in their lives agreed with Delegate Pettipiece on any other subject than an increase of pay. (Laughter.) The only regrettable feature had been the introduction of the name of old coun-

try labor leaders into the debate in a deplorable fashion. There had only been a few dissentients, like the Victoria Typographical Union, to the proposal.

The division on the substitute resolution showed 78 delegates for, two against (Moriarty, Commercial Telegraphists, and Bowers, Typographical, Victoria), and one neutral (Moulton). Five were absent from the division.

The Natal Act.

J. E. Wilton moved that the provincial government should be called upon to reenact the Natal Act, mentioning that with the change of government at Ottawa it was time to test the attitude of the new administration.

The mover explained that the system in Natal and Australia had proved effective, and would, in the hands of an inspector like R. P. Pettipiece, prove satisfactory. (Laughter.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The convention affirmed their confidence in the Socialist members, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M.P.P., and Parker Williams, M.P.P.

Industrial Peace.

It was decided to forward the accompanying resolution to the Lieut.-Governor and Premier McBride: "Whereas, as a certain organization styled the Industrial Peace Association is being organized in different parts of the province and proclaiming its purpose to be as that of preserving harmonious relations between employer and employee, and

"Whereas, one P. H. Scullin, claiming to be representing the said association, stated in the course of an address recently delivered before the members of the Victoria B. C. Board of Trade that he knew that a general strike in all the building trades in their city, to take place next spring, was now being arranged, and whereas the above statement had been publicly denounced as false and malicious by the officers and agents of the building trades, and

"Whereas, reports from different parts of the country go to show that the said P. H. Scullin has been universally denounced all over this continent as an instigator of strife, and is regarded as a person who makes his living by misrepresentation; be it, therefore, resolved, that this convention denounces him as a hypocrite and a fraud."

He was described by one speaker as a "living joke."

Resolutions.

C. F. Moriarty, on behalf of the Commercial Telegraphers, moved the following resolution: "That we request our representatives at the coming convention of the B. C. Federation of Labor to bring before that body the matter of excessive extra time being forced on telegraphers, and that we urge for the consideration of that body the recommendation that if possible necessary legislation be attempted in order to place the maximum amount of extra time, workable in any one month at 42 hours, this being one full week of extra time."

The motion was rejected, on the ground that it conflicted with a previ-

ous resolution favoring a definite eight-hour day.

The convention endorsed resolutions in favor of the Federal Government Annuity Scheme; amendment of the Alien Labor Law; provision for widows out of the property of persons who die intestate; free interchange of cards among all unions affiliated with the B. C. F. L.; improvement of positions of electrical workers; amendment of Municipal Clauses Act to place purchasers under agreements of sale on the register; that operation in tunnels and open cuts be brought under the Mines Regulation Act, and the mine inspector, mine inspectors to be elected by the miners; improvement in the conditions around mines; to prevent train crews from working more than 16 hours continuously; separate schools for Asiatics; women's union label league; forty-eight-hour week for cooks and waiters; payment of railway employees every two weeks (Commercial Telegraphists); to improve the inspection of ventilation in printing offices, owing to the prevalence of tuberculosis in this province, and generally for all indoor trades; endorsing the "B. C. Federationist" as the official organ of the organization, an amendment being moved for the Federation to consider the advisability of taking it over as the official paper from the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, and after a considerable debate this was approved; government commission to look into the condition of the jails of the province; extension of time for polling at Dominion elections at the opening of the polls; and provincial redistribution bill before the next dissolution.

The secretary will take up the question of the sale of newspapers by boys on the streets.

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INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE ON SCOTLAND'S BARD

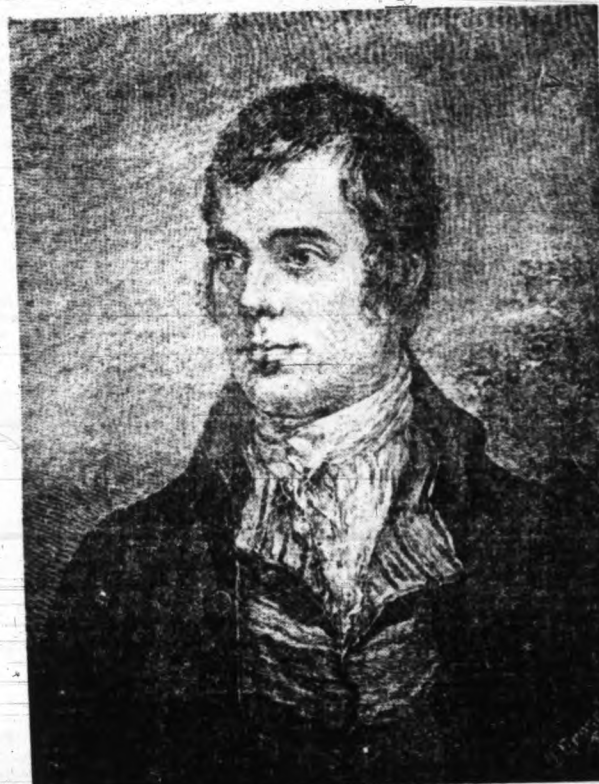
Rev. Dr. Scott, of Vancouver, Says His Heart Was of the Purest Gold.

A very instructive and interesting address on Robert Burns was given on Tuesday night in the Unitarian Hall by Rev. Dr. C. Scott, of Vancouver, who showed a marked familiarity with the works of the great poet. He said in part:

It was George Meredith who said, "as we humans are to the brutes so are we to the poets." The poets are ourselves but expressed in your ideal, a mystical torch, through time he pours his soul out to all men's souls, that and no more. There is the whole

Burns deals with men and human interests with fervour. Here at once we have the great poet, the real human individual soul that does not wander from men. He throws himself into the very hearts of men. There is a story told of Burns which emphasises this idea.

The story goes that when Burns was first recognized by the nobility of Edinburgh, he was walking down the streets of that city with one of Edinburgh's titled lords when he saw an old country friend over the street very shabbily dressed with a great hole in his bonnet, and his hair standing up through the hole. Burns all undismayed by his friend's appearance rushed across the street and greeted him cordially before the young lord, who was horrified and speechless with disgust. "But," said Burns, "it was not the hole in the man's bonnet I was speaking to but the man himself." You can feel that the story was true. I do not know how it is in Canada but in England it is quite common to speak of Burns as the ploughman poet. Why ploughman? Burns moved men not because he was a ploughman, but because of his rare gift of expression. The reason that Burns is able to speak to other men with such overwhelming power is because he is ten times more a man than they. He was a Scotchman but because he was a mystical torch, through time he pours his soul out to all men's souls, his poems are found in the library of the student and in the cottages of the



ROBERT BURNS, SCOTLAND'S IMMORTAL BARD

magic of the poet, and when he sees visions we see them too, the truths that all men pass by and which we do not see or remember are with the poets the link of Time.

Now all this is essentially true of Robert Burns. He had the heart of hearts, he had the scorn of scorn, and above all he had the life of life, the love of love. His theology is the disapproval of the "unco guid." Right across the memorial page of his letter is written, "Write me as one that loves his fellow men."

Shelley and Keats turned away from man to the ideals of ancient Greece. They were disgusted with humanity;

peasants. Now to me it is the question of supreme interest, and I am sure it will interest those here to-night to know what is the attitude of Burns to religion.

It has been defined as an attitude of antagonism. The songs he sang do not present a word, not one bitter or biting word. Did he ever say a word or sing a verse against religion. It is against men who made their professions a cloak for hypocrisy and wickedness that he declaimed. It is the very inmost spirit of religion that inspires Burns to write his poem to the "Unco Guid" or the rigidly righteous.

He had no sympathy with the writer who was so tremendously orthodox and so uncommonly "guid" that even the doctrine of predestination was acceptable to him, and the tortures of those predestined to eternal misery rolled forth no other sentiment but "all for Thy glory God!" It was simply impossible for any man with a touch of humor to accept it after that, and you will remember how the poem goes on too. The writer prays that his enemies may be crushed, that he may reap his reward from God, to whom he plays "Lord remember me and my ain folk." He is so good that if he gets the temporal benefits for which he prays he is willing to give the Almighty all the glory. The critics tell us "The Cotter's Saturday Night" is the religion of the orthodox, not the religion of Burns at all but the religion of Burns' father. Had Burns been hostile to religion that poem would never have been written at all. Were he an enemy of religion how could he have uttered that note of personal conviction in "The Cotter's Saturday Night?" The secret of Burns' power to touch the hearts of men was his love of reality.

He sang of no fictitious men and women but of realities, of living men and women. Burns has not merely touched the hearts of men but he has set them afire with the torch of his genius.

But to-night, I am here to deal with Burns' attitude on religion. What does

Burns give as the key to joy, to happiness to power? What does he tell us? "It is no in wealth to purchase weel." What is that but religion itself talking in its own native tongue. Someone has suggested that "A man's a man for a' that" means that a man can do anything, and be anything, and yet be a man for all that. But such a fallacy will utterly unman him. In the words of another great Scotch poet, Mackay—

The last word shock his daily work,
Yet claims his wage and a' that,
Or by when he might earn his bread,
Is not a man for a' that.

If all who dine on homely fare
Were true and brave and a' that,
And none whose garb is "shodden grey,"
Was fool or knave or a' that.

The vice and crime that shame our time
Would disappear and a' that,
And ploughmen he as good as kings,
And church as earls for a' that.

But 'tis not as you heavenly fool
Who swears, and swears and a' that,
And thinks because his strong right arm
Might felt an ox and a' that.

That he's as noble man for man,
Duke or Lord and a' that,
Is but an animal at best,
And not a man for a' that.

A man may own a large estate,
Have palaces park and a' that,
And not for birth, but honest worth,
Be thrice a man for a' that.

And Donald berling on the moor,
Who beats his wife and a' that,
Is nothing but a brutal boor,
Nor half a man for a' that.

For a' that and a' that,
We're seel'd and heart and a' that,
That makes the King and gentleman,
And not his crown and a' that.

And whether he be rich or poor,
The best is for a' that,
Who stands erect in self-respect
And acts the man for a' that.

But passing to another phase of the subject it was left to Robert Burns to sing with infinite pity and compassion of the lowest animals of all. "The skylark, the skylark, is my little brother," lark, the skylark, is my little brother, indeed by allying himself with the skylark, but what shall we say of the man who could claim intimate fellowship with an ordinary common field-mouse?

His is not merely the intellectual attitude of mind, his is the very soul of man throbbing with more than human feeling for the animals. You will remember his famous description of a snowy night when the thoughts of men were turning to the warmth of home and their own firesides, but where on such a night are the thoughts of Burns? His pitying thoughts turn to the field-mouse.

"Wee, sleekit, cowrin', tim'rous beastie,
Oh, what a panic's in thy breastie!"
Is it not clear, is it not a moral and a spiritual law.

"He prayeth best, who loveth best,
All things, both great and small."
Nothing could have staggered Burns more than to see the modern Englishman's idea of sport, the cruel hunting of the fox, the pitiless torturing of a hare.

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THE POET BURNS AND RELIGION

(Continued from page 16.)

Burns had gone right to the heart of wrong-doing, and has shown us the hardening process. Other people may or may not find us out, he tells us, but the deed itself finds us out in the weakness of will that succeeds the first downward step, in the hardening and petrifying of all noble feelings.

A critic has pointed out that in these modern days we are getting beyond Robert Burns. Well, frankly, that is news to me! Burns' idea was that the animal ought not to run from man, but as it any wonder they do? Why, far from getting beyond Burns we have not yet got to the level of his spirit of reverence. There is a reverence for that which is above us, there is a reverence for that which is beneath us. We have reverence for the things above and on an equality with us, but we are far from yet having a reverence for the things beneath us.

How dare we speak of this century as being civilized? We may afford to do without fashion, we can afford to do without sport, but as long as we are made in the image of God, we cannot afford to do without pity and sympathy. If the average animal could speak I think he would look almost anywhere than to man to realize his idea of God.

Many monuments have been raised to the memory of Robert Burns, and yet his detractors are many. Yes, his faults were many—he himself confessed them. "I wish he had not done so, that he had not bared his bosom to the world. Had he not done so he would have been spared the ruthless attacks of his detractors."

I am surprised at the want of charity, at the pitilessness of their judgments. "Oh, they say, Burns was not a good man; Burns drank whisky." But what if he did? Is Burns the only man who drank whisky? The real Burns is the sincere poet. His head and his heart were of the purest gold. I have recently received from the old country a paper dealing with Burns, and that paper said that we were getting so civilized that soon no one would understand Burns. How? It asks, "Is it to be supposed that the moment that Burns can endure?" Burns answered that question long ago in his poem: "The Brigs of Ayr" (Bridges of Ayr). One—the new bridge spick and span and up-to-date, looks contemptuously at the old one and asks with a sneer how it can hope to tide the storms of the coming years. The Auld Brig replies with spirit:

"Conceited gowk! puff'd up wi' windy pride!
 This mony a year I've stood the flood an' tide;
 And tho' wi' crazy eild I'm sair for-fairn,
 I'll be a Brig when you're a shapeless cairn!"

And so it will be with Burns. His verses will remain living poems in the hearts of men when many a new poet's rhymes will have sunk into oblivion.

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I was told the other day, says a writer in London Opinion, the origin of the practice of clinking glasses when having a drink. It is to satisfy the fifth sense. When you drink, you first see the stuff, then touch it, then smell it, and then taste it. But the sense up to then, has nothing to do. That is why you clink your glasses.

NOTICE IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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TURK'S PARLIAMENT IS HUGE FAILURE

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One of two horrid fates awaits the sojourner in Constantinople who attempts to follow Turkish political life at all closely. The atmosphere of sears and lies and petty political intrigues that he must plunge into is fatal to character, and he either degenerates into an hysterical wreck or becomes a cynic who would not believe an archbishop on oath.

The name for this characteristic atmosphere of Constantinople has been found by the local newspapers, some of whom are admirable exponents of it. It is called Byzantinism, by which is meant feverish, futile unrest of the sort that marked the decadent last days of the eastern empire.

It is, indeed, the worst symptom of Constantinople's political unhealthiness that her citizens seem to find a cynical pleasure in pausing every now and then to recognize the indications of their own futility before starting once more on another series of the "incidents" and "affaires" in which Turkey's politicians prostitute their energies.

It is a lamentable thing to have to say, and a jarring disappointment to all the hopes and compliments lavished on Young Constitutional Turkey three years ago, that it can no longer be denied that parliamentary institutions in Turkey are a failure. The country is simply not ready for them. That is the clear opinion which I have come to after a year's acquaintance with Turkey, starting with the Englishman's natural prejudices in favor of an elected chamber.

To say that the only way for Turkey to improve is to shut up her new chamber, strangle her recently liberated press, and set up a despotism again sounds almost immoral. English gentlemen of political tastes who take an interest in "Near Eastern problems" and even come and stay for three weeks at the Pera Palace Hotel to get a "clear idea of the Turkish situation," gathered on the spot, will brand such a statement as criminally foolish. They have themselves been in Turkey, they have told you, and they know. They have had interviews with ministers, with deputies, with officials. They found them most modern and enlightened statesmen wearing spats, and they came away perfectly satisfied that all that Turkey needs is to be let alone to work out her political salvation on the most praiseworthy democratic lines.

In a dignified way that is most convincing the members of each party will attribute the evils of the country to the factious antagonism of their political opponents. Without elaborate deception, but solely by charm of manner, the committee party make you see that the opposition is a junta of discontented place-seekers, while the leaders of the opposition compel you to believe that the committee is a tyrannical oligarchy whose hands are red with political murder. But when one gets away from both parties, and considers in an impartial way the question of Turkey reforming herself, the plain fact stands out that all these parliamentary squabbles are leading nowhere else than towards another revolution.

What this straggling, disordered, patchwork empire wants is a strong hand to govern it. Within immediate memory three nominally Turkish provinces have passed definitely into other hands, and unless the sap of good government can be made to run into Macedonia, she, too, like a withered branch, will break away. If Turkey, as an independent state, is to become the orderly, well governed country that everyone hoped for when the despotism of Abdul Hamid was broken, then the instrument of parliamentary government by which her regeneration was expected to be worked has got to be changed.

You have only to go back and look at the Turkish chamber of deputies to discover why the Ottoman empire is in such a hopeless muddle. Proceeding to the chamber, you will get into a rickety carriage in the Grande Rue de Pera and glide down a very steep hill by a series of circuitous streets bright with liquid mud. En route, the eccentricities of your Turkish driver should be noticed as a profitable object lesson in national futility. Your attention is drawn to each corner by the violent impact of the inside wheel upon the curb. When you reach the chamber-block, which happens with great frequency, his method is to take his horses up very short, while beating them profusely on tender parts of the body, preferably sores. Meanwhile he reviles the other parties to the muddle in terms which you are fortunate in being unable to understand. You are lucky indeed if he does not put down whip and reins so as to have both hands free for gesticulatory reply to the reproaches of another cab behind.

The tangle straightened out, off he goes again with loose reins, holding on with his disengaged hand to the back of the off lamp, the leaps and plunges of the vehicle over the subsidences and irregularities of the roadway being such that nothing can be expected to remain attached to the carriage except the parts that are nailed.

Lastly, you will find, unless you know the chamber well by sight, that your cabman, who received your clearly enunciated directions with an air of apparent comprehension, has not the faintest idea where you want to be driven to, and, in default of corrective prods at the proper corners, will drive you on and on until he reaches the unhappily outsiders of the town, where he stops and turns upon you a face bearing an expression of apologetic fatuity which is quite the most irritating ever seen on a human countenance.

The entrance hall of the long white-washed building on the Bosphorus edge, which is the chamber, is filled with deputies walking up and down

smoking cigarettes and drinking half-penny cups of coffee. In a room facing east you see through the open door a group going through their afternoon prayer, kneeling, prostrating, rising, bowing. Deputies and hall-porters kneel side by side; they are all Mussulmans; but it is a room which the Christian deputies never enter. There is more than a little of the secret of the problem of Turkey in that. But it is when you get into the chamber itself and look down upon the long, narrow hall, furnished like a schoolroom, with desks and a high central pulpit for the president, that you begin to understand why it does not work well as a machine. What harmony could there possibly be among such a medley of races and creeds? Next to a figure in an Arab burn-

ous, with golden ornaments upon its head, sits a rich Greek merchant, who for twenty years walked daily along Deansgate, Manchester. Behind him is a white-turbaned hodja, a Mohammedan fanatic, who believes that if he brushes up against a wet Christian on a rainy day he is defiled, and would slit a Glaur throat, if occasion offered, with the calm resolution of a godly man discharging a religious duty. The next row is made up of provincial deputies, village ruffians, the oracles of unremembered Anatolian villages, where the belief still lingers that the Padishah takes tribute from all Europe. Now come some Constantinople politicians, exiles under the old regime, whose talk is filled with French slang, and who are familiar acquaintances of half a dozen European capitals; then a few whose names are as

well known in London as in Arabia; then a Bulgarian, who would very likely tell you a good deal about bomb-throwing if your interests lay that way. Further on is one of Abdul Hamid's spies, in a state of clammy fear that the government are going to publish the spy reports found in Yildiz; next to him, a man he used to spy on. That honorable deputy over there is the president of an active little murder club; unpleasant details of his private political habits were revealed in evidence at a recent trial. So you count them over, Christian, Turk and Jew, Orthodox and Catholic, rigid Mohammedan and French free-thinker, only akin in their ignorance of the proper conditions of political life.

What but disorder is to be expected from such an assembly? Almost to a man they are professional politicians, living on the \$250 a month they draw as deputies. Their sittings are a series of clamorous intrigue of section against section and of personal attacks upon members of the government, which in themselves would be enough to prevent any beneficial activity on the part of the ministry. Recently the president closed the chamber in disorder, while an opposition member was fighting his way to the tribune to proclaim some accusation of venality against the grand vizier, dug out of the corrupt records of the old regime, what time a clerk of the House, justly indignant at this infringement of the order paper, was poisoning himself to batter the disorderly deputy's head with a chair as soon as he straggled within reach. In the last three weeks we have had three distinct and critical "affaires," and the chances of a "coup d'etat" by

military force are openly treated in discussion in the House. Yoked with such a parliament, regardless of greedy enemies abroad and desperate discontent at home, no administration, however well-intentioned, could raise Turkey from the slough of political despair into which she daily struggles deeper.

RE CHARLES M'KEIVERS SMITH, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the estate of Charles McKivers Smith, late of Victoria, British Columbia, who died on 24th November, 1911, and whose will has been proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Robert Charles Smith, the executor therein named, are hereby required to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned on or before the 8th April, 1912, after which date

the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice; and all persons indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated 8th January, 1912.
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Victoria, B. C.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay
Applications for the position as male clerical assistant to the Clerk of the Municipality will be received by the Council up to noon on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1912.
Applicants must, in their own handwriting, state their age, qualifications and salary expected, and give personal references.
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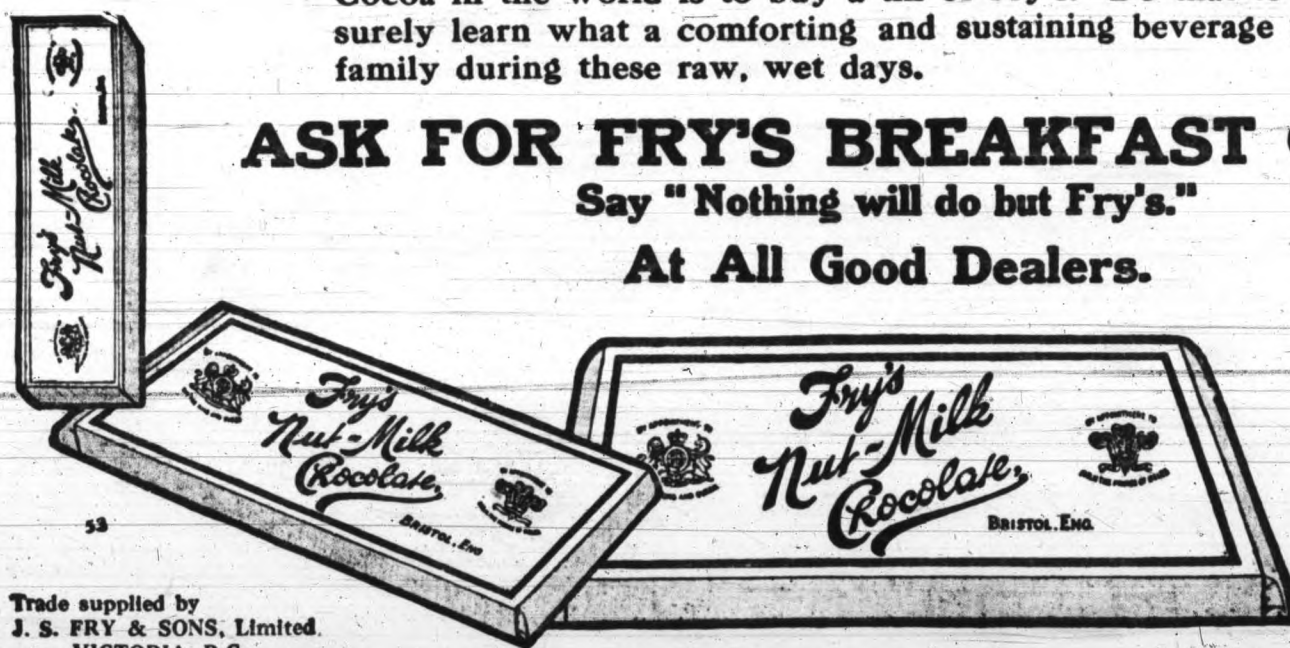
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NEW CHAIRS WANTED.

Cranbrook, Jan. 26.—At the first meeting of the city council, Aldermen Campbell suggested that, although they had one of the finest council chambers in the province, it seemed to him that one thing had been overlooked which he should like to attend to at once. He referred to the armchairs which were not in keeping with the new quarters, and were not as comfortable as they might be, and that it became quite tiresome to occupy them for several hours at a time. The suggestion met with the unanimous approval of the council, and Aldermen Campbell and Clapp were delegated to see what could be provided at a reasonable cost.

ASHCROFT'S NEW CLUB.

Ashcroft, Jan. 26.—At a meeting of some of the business men of the town the formation of a non-political commercial and social club was formally launched. Committees were appointed to interview those who they think will make good material for membership, also for the compiling of by-laws and other matters for the government and regulation of the club. Needless to say it will be a great success, especially as it will eventually mean the formation of a board of trade. The formation of this club is essentially for the benefit of the district.

Of the fifteen aeroplanes owned by the British war office, nine are of British and six of French manufacture.

PROGRESS ON NEW MILL ON THE FRASER

Will Probably Be Completed By August—Large Force At Work.

New Westminster, Jan. 26.—Eighty men at work on 5,000 piles and a million and a half of lumber. That is the first part of the large undertaking that is going on within the limits of this city on Lulu Island, where the British-Canadian Lumber Company is building a colossal mill designed to turn out, when completed, 25,000 feet of lumber an hour. The Fraser River Mills, the largest plant in the world, sits about 35,000 feet an hour, so that it will be seen that the new mill is planned on extensive lines.

As soon as the machinery comes in to sight the working force will be doubled, but this is not likely for another six weeks. Work was started on September 1 last year, and will probably be complete some time in August or September of this year. Already some 3,600 piles have been driven, and the big mill building is rapidly nearing completion. Besides this huge construction, measuring 72 by 378 feet, shingle and planing mills and a box factory will be erected. The main mill building itself will have two storeys over all, and a third measuring 60 by 72 feet, where the filing machines will be set. All saws and mill machinery will be on the second floor, while the motive machinery will be on the ground floor. This building, with the bulk of the other buildings, stands over the water.

In addition to the buildings already described, a deep-water dock 800 feet long will be constructed, so that at any moment the mill will be able to enter the overseas trade. The B.C.E.R. will supply shipping facilities by land.

Altogether, something like \$500,000 will have been invested in the building and plant before it is completed.

The beauty about love in a cottage is that there is no janitor.

DUNCAN HOSPITAL DIRECTORS MEET

Financial Statement Satisfactory—North Cowichan Municipal Council.

Duncan, Jan. 26.—The North Cowichan municipal council held a special meeting on Monday at which the financial statement of the hospital was presented.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Duncan hospital was held on Wednesday last, there being present F. H. Maitland-Dougall, chairman; Mrs. Hasell and Miss Lettich, of Victoria; and Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Whitton, Miss Wilson, Mrs. Hamish Morton and Mrs. T. A. Wood. The resignation of Mrs. Macdonald as hon. treasurer was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Whitton agreed to take up the duties. It was decided that the hospital year should end at the end of March, and an annual public meeting be held in April at which the annual report would be presented. A letter of thanks was sent to R. Wilson, who had kindly audited the books until the end of the year. The financial statement shows the hospital to be in most satisfactory standing. The hospital report for December shows: Four cases remaining from November 1 birth, 6 cases admitted and 3 discharged during December, and receipts and ordinary expenses almost equal.

William Maitland-Dougall left on Sunday last after his Christmas leave to continue his studies for his second year at the Royal Naval College at Halifax. Rupert Wood, who has just passed the preliminary examination, accompanied him. Wood passed a very good exam, taking sixth place in the Dominion. In answer to the fact that one study was almost new to the boy, and he had to take a high percentage in the others to counterbalance, Cowichan is proud of the fact that of the three boys who go from British Columbia, two are from Cowichan.

MINING IN SLOCAN.

Work in Progress on Properties Which Were Recognized as Shippers Ten Years Ago.

Vancouver, Jan. 26.—The former glories of the Slocan as a mining district are rapidly being restored, according to Andrew G. Larson, a mining engineer of this city, who has just returned from the interior. Mr. Larson visited Slocan and several of the adjacent camps. Development work with full crews, in some instances comprising three shifts, is in progress in the famous old Payne mine, the Standard, a new wonder, the Slocan Star, the Van Rai and several smaller properties. Some large shipments of high-grade silver-lead ore are being made and a few months hence the output promises to attain the records of ten years ago. A noteworthy feature in his opinion is the increased interest being taken in the district by Canadian and American mining operators.

At the Payne, which paid from the "grass roots," and which netted, its original owners over \$1,200,000 in profits, a 2,000-foot tunnel is being driven to cross the main lead at great depth. Mr. Larson is consulting engineer to the Slocan-Star-Mining Company, whose property, until fixed up in its present state, made many phenomenal shipments that paid dividends exceeding \$1,000,000. He is well satisfied with the development work in progress. A 2,000-foot tunnel designed to intersect the main vein at a point 600 feet below the bottom of the upper workings has already been extended two hundred feet. Its portal is adjacent to the concentrator where ore falling from upper levels by gravity will be treated, thus greatly reducing the costs of extraction. Three shifts are operating with air drills in the tunnel. Development is also in progress in the upper workings and a car of high-grade ore was recently shipped to the Trail smelter and early this summer regular shipments will be maintained on a large scale.

The Standard mine which is described as one of the greatest mining propositions in British Columbia, promises to equal the production of the older mines in the nineties. It has just been equipped with a fine concentrating plant. The Van Rai, owned by the 40-foot No. 2 of Howland, is a steady shipper and seems to have a bright future. The Howland, formerly a well-known property, is taking on a new lease of life and J. M. Harris, its principal owner, believes it will yet prove a bonanza. Three smaller properties in the same camp are also being opened up.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Port Alberni, Jan. 26.—The work of the committee on municipal incorporation, appointed by the board of trade about a year ago and later commissioned by the people of Port Alberni in mass meeting, assembled, was recognized at the annual general meeting of the board. In his address the president made special mention of it and his suggestion that the appreciation of the board be fittingly expressed was carried out in a resolution of sincere thanks and ordering the names of the members of the committee to be recorded in history.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, A. D. Cooper; vice-president, J. A. MacIntyre; secretary, H. L. Hayne; treasurer, J. S. MacLeod; council, F. H. Swayne, A. E. Waterhouse, C. A. McNaughton, A. D. MacIntyre and R. F. Blandy.

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NOTICE Of Removal

L. Hafer, the well known Government street machinist, has moved to more spacious quarters at the corner of Store and Herald streets, adjoining Robertson's Iron Works.

Corporation of the District of Oak Bay.

SHOOTING PERMITS

NOTICE is hereby given that all SHOOTING PERMITS issued up to 31st December, 1911, are CANCELLED, by order of the Council.
J. S. FLOYD, C. M. C.
January 19, 1912.

To Contractors

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up till noon, 31st January, 1912, for the erection and completion of a 5-story Reinforced Concrete Building on Government Street. Plans and Specifications can be seen at my office, Royal Bank Chambers, Victoria, B. C.

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THOMAS HOOPER, Architect.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Rachael Houslow, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.
Notice is hereby given that under an order granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Gregory, dated the 22nd day of January, 1912, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to send particulars of same to me on or before the 22nd day of February, 1912, and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

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WM. MONTEITH, Official Administrator.

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complete list of Local Improvement Works, authorized by By-Law, from time to time, will be found posted on the Bulletin Board at the main entrance to the City Hall.

CITY OF VICTORIA Private Bill Public Library

Public notice is hereby given that the Corporation of the City of Victoria intend to apply at present sitting of the legislature, for the insertion, in the Private Bill, promoted by the Corporation, of a clause for the following:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in the Municipal Clauses Act or in any by-law of the Corporation, it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council to expend for the maintenance and up-keep of the Public Library, such sum as the Municipal Council may direct, not exceeding in any one year, one-quarter of one mill on the dollar of the assessed value of real property in the Corporation."

And further notice will be given of the time and place of the sitting of the Private Bill Committee when the said clause will be sought to be inserted in the said Private Bill.

Dated this 24th day of January, 1912.
F. A. McILKIM, City Solicitor.

Firemen's Clothing and Fire Hose

Separate tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 3 p.m. on Monday, the 27th inst., for the supplying of the Firemen's uniform suits, to be made and supplied in accordance with the specifications which can be seen.

Applications

For the position of City Analyst, accompanied by testimonials and references, will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday next, the 29th inst., at 2 p.m.

It is expected that the salary attached to the position will be \$150 per month.

The successful applicant will be expected to devote his whole time to his work of analyzing milk, water, food-stuff and any other substances which may be assigned to him for analysis by the Health Department.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C. January 23rd, 1912.

City Solicitor Wanted

Applications, accompanied by testimonials, references and photograph, will be received at the office of the undersigned, until Wednesday, the 21st day of February, 1912, at 2 p.m., for the position of Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria. Salary at the rate of \$5,000 per year. The Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all applications.

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City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., 23rd January, 1912.

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WHY IS COMMISSION NOT YET APPOINTED?

Government Supporter From
Vancouver Persistent on
the Subject.

Legislative Press Gallery, January 25.

Dr. McGuire (Vancouver) has for some sessions kept hammering away at the price of coal, and has on two or three occasions secured the passage of a resolution, that of last session being in the following terms:

"Whereas it would appear that the cost of coal to the consumer in the province of British Columbia is out of all proportion to the cost of production; and

"Whereas, owing to the abundance of the coal deposits in this province, and the proximity of the sources of supply to the market, the cost of coal to the consumer in B. C. should be much less than at present is the case; and

"Whereas, the excessive price of coal in B. C. has the effect of retarding and preventing the establishment in this province of industries depending upon a fuel supply; and

"Whereas, much of the product of the coal mines of the province is being exported to foreign markets and sold at a price that enables it to compete with coal from other countries in such foreign markets; and

"Whereas, a belief exists that there is an understanding between the persons or corporations controlling or owning such coal mines to maintain the high prices now being charged to consumers in this province;

"Therefore, he it resolved, that an humble address be presented to his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by this House, praying him to consider the advisability of appointing a royal commission to inquire into the following questions:

"1. Whether or not a combine or understanding exists among the coal producers, or any of them, of this province to establish and maintain prices charged for coal?

"2. Whether or not coal is being sold by producers, or any of them, for consumption outside B. C. for a less price than that sold for consumption in the province?

"3. Whether or not the price charged by the producers, or any of them, for coal consumed in B. C. is excessive?

"4. Whether or not the prices charged by the producers, or any of them, of coal in B. C. bears a reasonable proportion to the cost of production?"

This resolution was passed by the House without dissent, but Premier McBride made it plain that the government had no intention of acting upon it, instead continuing its attitude of "putting it up to" the Dominion government.

Dr. McGuire now gives notice that he is going to ask the government what action, if any, it has taken "to give effect to the resolution regarding the price of coal."

In view of the premier's remarks last year there is no doubt what the tenor of his reply will be.

JUSTICE HARLAN'S SENSE OF HUMOR

Samples of the Late Jurist's
Ever Ready Wit and Re-
partee.

(From the New York Sun.)

The humor of the late Justice Harlan, of the United States Supreme Court, was sparkling and spontaneous. It came at unexpected moments and apparently without premeditation. His manner of speech at such times was often so serious and stern that additional spice was lent to what he said.

"Do you smoke?" he asked a guest seated on the veranda of his home one day.

To which the guest replied, "About twice a year, Mr. Justice."

"Well, then, take a semi-annual with me," suggested the justice, handing his guest a cigar—"that is, if you can stand a Pittsburg stogie."

"I smoke these for two reasons," continued the justice. "First, because they are cheap—they cost me a cent and a half apiece, and I can't afford a higher-price cigar; and, second, because I can't tell the difference between one of these and a more expensive smoke."

As is well known, the late Justice Peckham was a Democrat, while Justice Harlan was a Republican. They were the best of friends. One day they were discussing the fear of death. Justice Peckham said to Justice Harlan:

"You are not afraid to die, are you?"

To this, after a moment's reflection, Justice Harlan replied: "No, not exactly; my only fear is that I might bring up at Democratic headquarters."

Notwithstanding this thrust, between these two justices there was always a close bond of affection. His Americanism is well known. His love of English and his aversion to the use of any other language when the English tongue could be used was manifested on occasion. At the White House one evening an American vocalist rendered a series of selections in Italian, the justice sitting it out, but showing his feelings on his countenance. A friend inquired as he was leaving how he enjoyed the pro-

gramme, to which Justice Harlan responded:

"Not much; I couldn't understand what the fellow was driving at. It reminded me of one of Brewer's dissenting opinions."

The late justice was passionately fond of golf, and this pastime doubtless helped to prolong his life and keep him in excellent bodily trim. The now famous story of his remark to the English archbishop on the Chevy Chase golf links has gone the rounds, but will bear repetition.

The archbishop addressed the ball with becoming dignity and swung at it with great force, but missed it entirely. Again he repeated the stroke, with the same result. Another trial brought no better returns. The ball stood there undisturbed.

The archbishop was not undisturbed, however. His face became very red, but outwardly he preserved the peace. At the conclusion of the third unsuccessful effort Justice Harlan relieved the situation by remarking:

"Reverend sir, that was the profaneest silence I ever listened to!"

In speaking of golf Justice Harlan once declared: "It isn't a game; it's a disease, of which I have an incurable case."

He once said to a friend with great earnestness: "I have been thinking of retiring from the bench and devoting the remainder of my life to golf. What do you think of it?"

The friend answered that the bench would miss him greatly, but that he had richly earned a respite from his tremendous tasks. Whereupon he said: "I believe three afternoons a week would keep me in fine fettle and prolong my life at least ten years."

On another occasion he said: "I was talking with a clergyman the other day and asked him what occupations and enjoyments there would be for men who have been active here after they arrive upon the other shore, saying that of course it was out of the question for a fellow who had been energetic here to sit and twiddle his thumbs over there. The clergyman did not give me a very satisfactory answer, in fact he did not appear to know. So I inquired if he thought there would be any objection to my taking my golf clubs along."

Then, as if to save himself from seeming to make light of a serious subject, he added: "I reckon there will be plenty of employment and enjoyment on the other side."

Justice Harlan stood six feet and two inches in his stockings, was broad of shoulder and deep of chest, very erect in carriage, and attracted attention wherever he went. In massiveness of brow and majesty of mien he more nearly resembled Daniel Webster than any other man of his period.

A friend went to him at one time to submit a list of names for trustees of an organization of which he was president and arranged according to their position and prominence in the official and social world. The justice scanned the list critically and then inquired in his deep guttural tones:

"Who prepared this list?"

The friend answered, "The president's social secretary in Paris, and then he sent me to"—here the friend gave him the name of a man prominent in one of the great departments of the government, who may be called "Halifax."

"Halifax," thundered the justice, "What did you go to see him for? He has been dead for over 30 years!"

Young men held a warm place in his affections. If one would take the trouble to follow his deep and guttural, almost sharp, tones to his eyes one would see them beaming with benignity, and frequently with merriment.

A friend called upon him last summer just before he left for his vacation at Murray Bay. He spoke of a young friend of his whom he had helped to advancement in one of the departments.

"I understand that he is to be married soon," he said. "When next you see him tell him I have been considering the affair and sympathize deeply with the young lady."

His fund of reminiscences was vast and varied. One of the many stories which he delighted to tell in time of relaxation related to a visit paid by Senator Thurman of Ohio and his wife to the Harlan home in Kentucky. The two jurists were in the library. Justice Harlan, with Kentucky hospitality, said to his guest:

"I have a little Scotch over there on the shelf if you would care to partake."

Senator Thurman replied: "I think I would like about a thimbleful."

"He poured out more than a thimbleful," said Justice Harlan, "and was in the act of raising the glass to his lips when Mrs. Thurman, from the hall, called out with great earnestness:

"Put it down, Allen, put it down!" Whereupon Judge Thurman replied with great gentleness and seriousness, "I was about to do that when you spoke, mamma," and deliberately swallowed the potion.

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Printing, wrapping, glue, ink, sand, etc.08 1/2	.08 1/2
Labor, repairs, etc.27 1/2	.62 1/2
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Financial News**NEW YORK CENTRAL STOCK ADVANCE**

Buying Due to Reported Unification of Lines—Other Issues Quiet.

New York, Jan. 26.—The proposed unification of the New York Central lines by which the company would secure the use of the equipment of its subsidiaries, was the basis of buying in this issue today. Orders for purchase were being renewed till the close of the session, and an advance of two points was recorded. This is the first movement of importance in this security that has been noted for a long time, and since the reduction of the dividend its action has been somewhat depressed.

The balance of the list was featureless, strength in the New York Central lines lending support to some of the rails, and other stocks quoting fractionally weaker.

(By Courtesy F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

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VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

Victoria, Jan. 26.

Bid. Ask.

American Canadian Oil. 104 103

Canadian Northwest Oil. 104 103

Can. Pac. Oil. 11 10

Maricopa Oil. 11 10

International Coal & Coke. 274 273

Nicola Valley Coal & Coke. 50 49

Royal Collieries. 104 103

Western Coal & Coke. 20 19

B. C. Packers. 20 19

C. N. P. Fisheries. 250 249

B. C. Permanent Loan. 125 124

Dominion Trust Co. 125 124

Great West Permanent (A). 125 124

Pacific Loan. 25 24

Stewart Land. 8 7

B. C. Copper. 4 3

Can. Cons. S. & R. 38 37

Granby. 35 34

Coronation Gold. 31 30

Kootenay Gold. 40 39

Lucky Jim Zinc. 22 21

Nugget Gold. 40 39

Bannister Cariboo. 40 39

Standard Lead. 143 142

Gardner Creek. 63 62

Portland Canal. 63 62

Red Cliff. 40 39

Klaskanine Gold. 20 19

Stewart. 20 19

Amalg. Dev. 67 66

Sales.

4,000 Maricopa. 214

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Hasty Preparations for Hasty Meals

MUSHROOMS, stuffed, per tin.....	60c
Plain and pickled, per bottle.....	50c
VAN CAMP'S or CAMPBELL'S SOUPS, assorted, 2 tins.....	25c
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ARMOUR'S LUNCHEON TONGUE, per tin.....	90c
ARMOUR'S OX TONGUE, \$1.50, \$1.00, 60c.....	65c
DAVIE'S POTTED TONGUE, per tin.....	10c
DAVIE'S DEVIL'D HAM, per tin.....	15c
UNDERWOOD'S DEVILED HAM, per tin 20c and.....	35c
CHICKEN TAMALES, per tin.....	25c
VEAL OR HAM LOAF, per tin.....	20c
FRENCH TRIPE, per tin.....	40c
ARMOUR'S TRIPE, large tin.....	35c
LIBBY'S SAUSAGE MEAT, per tin.....	35c

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Home site, 70x112 (note size).
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Bay, close to car and hotel. Very
cheap. Terms, Cash \$400.

\$2,500—FOR AN ACRE near

Tolmie and Cook. View lot. One-
third cash.

MAXIM'S WAR PICTURES.

Hudson Maxim spoke at the Hudson
theatre in New York under the aus-
pices of the League for Political Edu-
cation on aviation in peace and war.
He said that the light, swift aeroplane
carrying two men will play a great
part in scouting and strong, attack
machines carrying six men with arms
and explosives will be wonderfully ef-
fective as raiders.

"An army of a hundred thousand men
could readily be transported several
hundred miles in a day by means of 20-
000 aeroplanes," he said. "Easily could
such a fleet fly from the Continent to
London." Such transportation would
not cost anything like as many lives
as overseas transportation, Mr. Maxim
thought.

The speaker pictured how an army of
100,000 aerial Canadian raiders could
fly over the boundary line in the event
of a war with Great Britain, capture
Buffalo and move on to Cleveland be-
fore we could touch them if not sup-
plied with aeroplanes. In the next great
war in this country the whole land will
thus be on the flying line, he said.

"There is a wide popular misconcep-
tion about the possible destructiveness
of dynamite bombs dropped from aero-
planes," said Mr. Maxim. "Dynamite
requires confinement to do much dam-
age." Large steel projectiles that could
do damage are out of the question, he
considered, because of their weight and
the difficulty of hitting a target from
the machine.

By bringing war and its moves under
the eyes of the world the war aero-
planes will prove a veritable dove of
peace, the speaker said. Automatic
equilibration, making flight more the
function of the machine and less that
of the aviator, is what is most needed
in aviation, he said.



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One gallon tin.....	\$1.95
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GINGER SYRUP, 2 lb. tin.....	20c
MANILLA DRIPS, tin, 75c, 40c and.....	25c
MOLASSES, tin, 75c, 40c, 20c and.....	15c
PURE HONEY, jars, 75c, 35c and.....	25c
Fresh Cauliflowers, Cabbage, Lettuce, Artichokes, Brussel Sprouts, Fresh Hot House Rhubarb.	
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HON. MR. ELLISON AND THE FARMERS

A HOPEFUL ADDRESS FROM THE MINISTER

Tells Delegates Farming Will
Yet Be Backbone of Province
—Triumph in Potatoes.

At the afternoon session of the meet-
ing of the Farmers' Institute yester-
day a number of resolutions were
dealt with. A particularly heated de-
bate took place over the question of
taxation, a point on which marked di-
vision of feeling was evinced, the final
decision of the meeting being that the
chairman should appoint a committee
to wait on the executive this morning.

Mr. Warren spoke for a few minutes
to the delegates on the subject of lime,
which, he understood, was of consid-
erable value to many farmers as a fer-
tilizer. B. Hoy was called upon to
give some expert opinion on the sub-
ject of the action of the lime and the
grades which would be most useful
for fertilizing.

Mr. Williams, of Okanagan Centre,
brought up the question of the High-
way Regulations Act, and government
control of all water works in the province
by the appointment of inspectors for
this purpose.

The Minister of Agriculture, Hon.
Price Ellison, came in during the
afternoon and gave an address to the
delegates, which was received with
much enthusiasm, the members stand-

ing and singing "For He's a Jolly Good
Fellow" at the conclusion of the
speech.

"When I was asked about half-past
two this afternoon to go down and ad-
dress another body of delegates," said
Mr. Ellison, "I thought that I had ad-
dressed all the agricultural institu-
tions in the province already, and was
very much surprised to know that
there were still some more." He re-
ferred to the superintendent's report,
which he thought quite justified that
gentleman in feeling highly gratified
with the work of the Farmers' In-
stitute. "It is entirely owing to your
own efforts," continued the minister,

"that such a prosperous state of af-
fairs exists, and we look forward to
continuing the good work. It is true
that we have not gone ahead as fast
as we might have done. The farming
will, however, I believe, come to be
considered the backbone of the coun-
try. Perhaps, without exception, the
soil of this province is the best in the
world for farming and general agri-
cultural purposes. Competition, too, is
a good thing, and in all the different
districts we vie with one another in
our efforts to excel our neighbor; and
it is quite right that we should do so.

Without this you will not make the
 strides that you ought to. British Col-
umbia is being brought to the notice
of all the world, and perhaps nothing
has done so much to bring it into the
public eye as the Stillwell trophy which
has been won by it for the best pot-
atoes exhibited at the New York show
last year. When it is remembered
how many states and provinces were
legitimately striving for this trophy,
the achievement is all the more grati-
fying. It was only at the eleventh
hour that we decided to compete at all,
and not with the idea of taking any
prize so much as because we thought
it would be a form of advertisement.
It was exhibited first at Chicago, then
at St. Paul by request of the railway
corporations."

The speaker said that it was no
boys' work to go into agricultural pur-
suits in British Columbia, as the land



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It is very restful to find the All
Round Man. And the specialist is apt
to bore us.

When the family, in Mr. Barrie's
play, was shipwrecked on a desert

island, it was found that only
the servant, the admirable Crich-
ton, could turn his hand to any-
thing. So while they lived on the
island he was boss. In a state of
nature Jack of All Trades is al-
ways King.

As a society
grows it be-
comes more and
more conventionalized, it becomes
a huge factory and men are forced in-
to pigeon-holes. And the pigeon-
holists rule.

A man who is glued to his desk and
does nothing year in and year out but
keep track of the white goods sales,
may grow rich, he ought to; but the
man who can play the piano a little,
who knows a little Greek and a little
chess, who can mend the clock and fix
the stove, who is interested in art and
music and machinery, will get more
fun out of life.

We doubtless need the specialists.
They had them in Egypt, the para-
chutists, who did nothing but open the
sides of corpses for embalming; and in
Greece, experts in surgery and the
making of hair nets; and in Rome,
artists who specialized in removing
scars from the faces of freed slaves;
and, now, from manicurists to ophthal-
mologists; but somehow it is dreadful
to think of a human soul slipping into
a little box with a spring lock.

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